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A Resolution supporting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for their funding request to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for funding through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highways Projects (NSFHP) Program.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is supportive of completing Phase 2 of the Louisiana Highway 1 (LA 1) Project, Leeville to Golden Meadow (Southbound) as quickly as funding can be achieved, and

WHEREAS, \$800 million of grant funds for state or local governments will be awarded by the Secretary of the USDOT through a competitive process to projects that are nationally and regionally significant freight and highway projects that align with the program goals to:

- improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people;
- generate national or regional economic benefits and an increase in global economic competitiveness of the U.S;
- reduce highway congestion and bottlenecks;
- improve connectivity between modes of freight transportation;
- enhance the resiliency of critical highway infrastructure and help protect the environment;
- improve roadways vital to national energy security;
- address the impact of population growth on the movement of people and freight, and
- mitigate the impacts of freight movements on communities.

WHEREAS, Priority will be given for projects that can be reasonably expected to begin construction not later than 18 months after the date of obligation of funds, and

WHEREAS, the LA 1 Improvement Project has already received a Record of Decision dated January 2003 for environmental clearance for all phases of the project, and has completed preliminary design for Phase 2, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has already invested over \$ 370 Million for constructing Phase 1 from Port Fourchon to northern Leeville, and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 is expected to cost \$346 Million and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in cooperation with the Louisiana Highway 1 Coalition is seeking a portion of the funding needed from the NSFHP program, and

WHEREAS, it has been long established that the strategic significance of Port Fourchon to the Gulf of Mexico is critical to supporting over 16%-18% of the nation's daily crude oil consumption and over 20% of the nation's natural gas consumption, and

WHEREAS, the accessibility of Port Fourchon is critical to servicing the oil and gas exploration and production facilities in the U.S Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, LA 1 provides sole highway access to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle and was designated a High Priority Corridor by the U.S. Congress in 2001 for its role as critical energy infrastructure

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce does hereby support the funding request submitted by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for construction funding of Phase 2 of the LA 1 Improvement Project to the United States Department of Transportation through the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the Fifteenth day of March 2016.

Earl Eues, Jr. - Chairman of the Board of Directors