

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

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A RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the future use of the former charity hospital facility in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, the former charity hospital facility was constructed in 1939; and

WHEREAS, at the time it was built the facility was the second largest hospital in the United States with 2,680 beds; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the facility was damaged beyond repair for use as a hospital due to Hurricane Katrina and the flooding which ensued after that devastating hurricane; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a use for this historic site be developed; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to develop a use and plan for the site of the former charity hospital facility, it is appropriate that a task force be convened of all stakeholders to study the best possible uses for this historic site.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that a task force is hereby created and shall be composed of the following members:

(1) One member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, who represents the district in which the former charity hospital is located, and who also shall act as chairman of the task force.

(2) One member of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, who represents the district in which the former charity hospital is located.

(3) One member representing the New Orleans Downtown Development District, appointed by the board of commissioners of the New Orleans Downtown Development District.

(4) The mayor of New Orleans or his designee.

(5) One member representing and appointed by the office of facility planning and control, division of administration.

(6) One member representing and appointed by the Phoenix of New Orleans.

(7) One member representing and appointed by the Tulane-Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation.

(8) One member representing and appointed by the Foundation for Historical Louisiana.

(9) One member representing and appointed by the Preservation Resource Center.

(10) One member representing and appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall conduct a series of meetings to receive input from interested persons, including receiving testimony from all relevant stakeholders, in order to conduct a comprehensive assessment, evaluation, and review of all possible future uses of the former charity hospital facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members shall serve without compensation, except that legislators who serve on the task force shall receive such per diem and mileage as is provided for attendance at committee meetings by the rules of the respective houses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a written report of its findings to the legislature, including in its report the best future use of the former charity hospital building and any legislation recommended in order to fully achieve its future use, at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE