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**RESOLUTION NO.** 6792

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) install climb deterrent barriers on the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge.

**WHEREAS,** the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge links the east and west banks of St. Charles Parish across the Mississippi River carrying more than 48,000 travelers daily; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge is a publicly accessible area of significant height which poses a risk for suicide attempts; and,

**WHEREAS,** physical barriers are one of the most effective means of preventing suicides on bridges and other high structures; and,

**WHEREAS,** safety measures such as physical barriers on the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge would give pause to those contemplating jumping from the bridge; and,

**WHEREAS,** a review of the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office statistics shows from 2020 to 2024, there have been 3 suicide deaths as a result of jumping from the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office statistics further show from 2020 to 2024 there have been 4 attempted suicides on the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge; and,

**WHEREAS,** some deaths may not be included in the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office statistics due to bodies unable to be located, recovered in a different Parish or are classified as drownings; however, regardless of the recorded statistics, it is time to take a look at the human element of the matter and do something.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT,** do hereby request the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) install climb deterrent barriers on the Hale Boggs Memorial Bridge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development Secretary Terrence (Joe) Donahue, Jr., and District 2 Engineer Administrator Scott Boyle, P.E.; State Senator Gregory A. Miller and; State Representatives Beth Billings and Sylvia Taylor.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, O'DANIELS,  
FISHER, DEBRULER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: COMARDELLE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Fisher  
SECRETARY: Michelle Supadato  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: September 10, 2024  
APPROVED: ✓ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: Math Jurell  
RETD/SECRETARY: September 10, 2024  
AT: 2:48 pm RECD BY: [Signature]