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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S10RS**

5 **SGR No. 14**

6 **BY: SENATOR BOURGEOIS**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 **TO EXPRESS THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR LOUISIANA HOUSE BILL 160 WHICH**
10 **PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM USING MOUNTED TRAFFIC CAMERAS TO ISSUE**
11 **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, LOUISIANA HOUSE BILL 859 WHICH PROHIBITS TRAFFIC**
12 **CAMERAS ON HIGHWAYS THAT RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDING, AND ANY FUTURE**
13 **LEGISLATION SEEKING TO BAN OR RESTRICT THE USE OF CAMERA ENFORCEMENTS IN**
14 **THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.**
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17 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC LAWS IS TO
18 ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS; AND
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20 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE VIRGINIA
21 TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE URBAN TRANSIT
22 INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE
23 TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE SHOW THAT CAMERAS
24 DECREASE THE NUMBER OF SIDE COLLISIONS, YET INCREASE THE
25 NUMBER OF REAR END COLLISIONS, CONCLUDING THAT IN SOME
26 CASES CAMERAS HAVE A MODEST DECREASE IN COST TO SOCIETY,
27 WHILE IN OTHER CASES AN INCREASE IN SOCIETAL COSTS; AND
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30 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE AAA FOUNDATION FOR
31 TRAFFIC SAFETY, INTERSECTION SAFETY CAN BE IMPROVED BY:
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- 33 1. IMPLEMENTING AN ALL RED CLEARANCE INTERVAL
- 34 2. INCREASING YELLOW LIGHT TIME
- 35 3. MAKING TRAFFIC LIGHTS MORE VISIBLE
- 36 4. IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS OTHER SAFETY MEASURES
 - 37 a. REPAINTING LINE MARKERS
 - 38 b. BETTER SIGNAGE AROUND INTERSECTIONS
 - 39 c. ADVANCED WARNING LIGHTS BEFORE
 - 40 INTERSECTIONS
 - 41 d. BETTER REDLIGHT SYNCHRONIZATION

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44 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE
45 STRATEGIES, INTERSECTION CRASHES WERE DECREASED BY 47%,
46 INJURIES WERE REDUCED BY 50%, AND RED LIGHT RUNNING WAS
47 DECREASED BY 50%; AND
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50 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, CAMERA EFFECTIVENESS IS DEBATABLE AND
51 CITIZENS ALREADY PAY TAXES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, THE STATE
52 OF LOUISIANA SHOULD NOT IMPLEMENT SAFETY PROGRAMS
53 THAT CONFER ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO CITIZENS WHEN THERE
54 ARE OTHER EFFECTIVE METHODS OF INCREASING INTERSECTION
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PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, LOUISIANA HOUSE BILLS 160 AND 859 BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY ARNOLD (D – DISTRICT 102) AIM TO SEVERELY RESTRICT THE USE OF CAMERA ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND;

PARAGRAPH 7: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE EXPRESSES THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY ARNOLD’S HOUSE BILLS 160 AND 859 AS WELL AS ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION SEEKING TO BAN OR RESTRICT THE USE OF CAMERA ENFORCEMENTS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

PARAGRAPH 8: THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERY ARNOLD AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE.

PARAGRAPH 9: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNITURE BY THE PRESIDENT; UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION; OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

Approved:

Tyler Martin
Speaker of the Senate

Stuart Watkins
Student Body President

Date:_____

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