

1 state-federal Gulf Hypoxia Task Force with which the state of Louisiana has been a
2 participant since 1997; and

3 WHEREAS, the LUMCON mapping cruises have been largely funded through the
4 federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, reflecting the importance of the
5 Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone and Louisiana's coastal fishery and waters as resources of
6 national concern; and

7 WHEREAS, because this federal funding is at risk of discontinuation, and the annual
8 LUMCON summer mapping cruise was cancelled in 2016 for only the second time in thirty-
9 one years, the continuation of this vital work is itself at risk.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 express its support for the annual Gulf Hypoxia Mapping Cruise conducted by the Louisiana
12 Universities Marine Consortium, in recognition of the important role it plays in the
13 understanding and conserving of our coastal resources, as well as its support for continued
14 funding for this important effort by memorializing the United States Congress and the
15 Louisiana Congressional delegation to authorize continued funding for this most important
16 endeavor.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
18 officers of both houses of the United States Congress and each member of the Louisiana
19 Congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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