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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

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CONGRESS: Memorializes the U.S. Congress to adopt legislation to establish the "Caddo Lake National Heritage Area"

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to adopt
3 and enact the legislation to be proposed in the 115th Congress, Second Session, that
4 would establish the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area.

5 WHEREAS, the Heritage Area Program is found in the Historic Sites Act, the
6 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and related statutes, and is under the jurisdiction
7 of the United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act establishes a national policy for
9 federal agencies to use measures such as financial and technical assistance to foster
10 conditions under which our modern society and our prehistoric and historic resources can
11 exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of
12 present and future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, each national heritage area has been authorized by a specific federal
14 statute in an effort to effectively carry out the national policy with these same statutes
15 assigning a prominent role for the National Park Service to play in nurturing the areas and
16 supporting their success; and

17 WHEREAS, the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area program will expand on
18 traditional approaches to resource stewardship by supporting large-scale, community

1 centered initiatives that connect local citizens through preservation, conservation, and
2 planning processes facilitated by a local coordinating entity, the Caddo Lake National
3 Heritage Area Commission, to provide assistance to residents to improve their quality of life
4 by protecting their shared cultural and natural resources; and

5 WHEREAS, the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area Commission will promote the
6 conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources, while improving the area's
7 economic vitality, all guided by a management plan developed by the commission and
8 approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

9 WHEREAS, legislation will be filed in the 115th Congress, Second Session, that will
10 delineate a procedure to be followed to establish the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area,
11 including a time line; and

12 WHEREAS, nothing in the act establishing the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area
13 allows for abridging the rights of any property owner including the right to refrain from
14 participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within the national heritage
15 area; requiring any property owner to permit public access to such property or to modify any
16 provisions of law with regard to public access or use of private lands; altering any duly
17 adopted land use regulation or any approved land use plan; authorizing or implying the
18 reservation or appropriation of water or water rights; diminishing the authority of the state
19 to manage fish and wildlife including the regulation of fishing and hunting within a national
20 heritage area; or creating any liability, or having any effect on any liability under any other
21 law, of any private property owner with respect to any person injured on such private
22 property; and

23 WHEREAS, the residents and agencies of the Caddo Lake area were so eager to have
24 Caddo Lake designated a National Heritage Area that they embarked on the suitability and
25 feasibility study prior to ever contacting the National Park Service to request their assistance
26 or funding; and

27 WHEREAS, the feasibility study examined whether Caddo Lake is nationally
28 distinctive and evaluated alternatives for management, preservation, and interpretation of
29 nationally important cultural and historic landscapes, sites, and structures in and around the
30 Caddo Lake area, including its tributaries of Cypress Bayou and James Bayou in Texas and

1 Louisiana and Black Bayou and Red Bayou along with Soda, Shifftail, and Clear Lakes in
2 Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, establishment of the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area would be of
4 economic and cultural benefit to the Shreveport and Caddo Parish area of our great state.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
7 actions as are necessary to adopt and enact the legislation to be proposed that would
8 establish the Caddo Lake National Heritage Area.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
11 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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