

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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COMMENDATIONS. Commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Sport Fish Restoration Program as part of the American System of Conservation Funding.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Sport Fish Restoration Program, a part of the American System of Conservation Funding, on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, more than a century ago, hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists who realized America's natural resources were in peril and could not sustain unregulated harvest and habitat destruction; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and women took it upon themselves to support laws that stopped excessive harvest of fish and wildlife, established state agencies to protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and supported special fishing and hunting license fees to help fund the new agencies' efforts to provide healthy natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana then and now recognizes that the primary authority to protect and manage fish within the state waters resides within state agencies; and

WHEREAS, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish populations, anglers supported excise taxes on fishing equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration and enhancement efforts of state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which began seventy-five years ago with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950, and further

