

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMMENT

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to fund the

3 sheriffs' offices in the parishes where the Kisatchie National Forest is located.

4 WHEREAS, the Kisatchie National Forest spans seven parishes in Louisiana

5 including Claiborne, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Vernon, Webster, and Winn parishes

6 with a total of six hundred eight thousand four hundred eighty-seven acres; and

7 WHEREAS, the Kisatchie National Forest is owned and managed by the United

8 States federal government; and

9 WHEREAS, despite the United States federal government's ownership of the

10 Kisatchie National Forest, local Louisiana parish sheriffs' offices patrol the forest and

11 respond to emergency calls; and

12 WHEREAS, the local oversight of the Kisatchie National Forest is a substantial

13 burden to the local sheriffs' offices; and

14 WHEREAS, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, referred to as "PILT", are federal payments

15 that help local governments offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal land

16 within their boundaries; and

17 WHEREAS, the amount of funding available for national forests is roughly four

18 hundred thousand dollars; and

19 WHEREAS, the available funding is not sufficient for the patrol of the Kisatchie

20 National Forest which is a substantial financial burden on the local sheriffs' offices; and

1 WHEREAS, PILT payments would help the parishes where the Kisatchie National
2 Forest is located to patrol the forest and respond to emergency calls.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such
5 actions as are necessary to fund local sheriffs' offices in order to properly and efficiently
6 patrol the Kisatchie National Forest.

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

DIGEST

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Memorializes congress to take such actions as are necessary to fund law enforcement agencies and emergency responders in the parishes where the Kisatchie National Forest is located.