

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

1 WHEREAS, the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish Commission, with appointees from
2 the parishes in which the watershed area is contained, was established to consider the needs
3 of the residents and still exists and holds public meetings; and

4 WHEREAS, the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish Commission contends that it is no
5 longer able to have input with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and other agencies
6 and industries that do have a say in the operations of Cocodrie Lake and the entire watershed
7 area; and

8 WHEREAS, the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish Commission will maintain a good
9 working relationship with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of
10 Transportation and Developments, as well as Cleco and other stakeholders if the authority
11 for overseeing Cocodrie Lake is restored to the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish Commission.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Wildlife and
14 Fisheries to restore authority over Cocodrie Lake back to the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish
15 Commission, particularly for managing the water gate structure at Clearwater that controls
16 the water levels of the lake.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to return the authority to oversee water levels and the general health of Cocodrie Lake to the Cocodrie Lake Game and Fish Commission.