

1 WHEREAS, herbicide applications only affect the top layer of the up to three foot
2 mat of plant material, and the mats float and move on the surface making consistent
3 reapplication of herbicide difficult; and

4 WHEREAS, other methods of control have included introduction of grass carp and
5 weevils to consume the plants, draining lakes and drying the lake bottom, and the use of
6 mechanical harvesters.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the methods of
9 controlling and eradicating Giant Salvinia and to report with recommendations of the most
10 cost-effective method, or combination of methods, to the House Committee on Natural
11 Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources on or before
12 February 15, 2014.

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

DIGEST

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