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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

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WILDLIFE/HABITAT: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study feral hogs and conduct a symposium to discuss the issue

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the source, the
3 effects, and methods of elimination of feral hogs and to conduct a symposium on the
4 issue.

5 WHEREAS, feral hogs are a non-native, highly invasive, and destructive pest that
6 has been introduced to our state and continues to spread across our state at an exceedingly
7 alarming rate; and

8 WHEREAS, damage caused by feral hogs is a great concern to wildlife biologists
9 and managers today due to the potential for ecological and economical destruction far
10 surpassing any other invasive exotic vertebrate; and

11 WHEREAS, the most common damage caused by feral hogs is a result of their
12 rooting that drastically impacts crops, golf courses, levees, hayfields, tree farms, and even
13 lawns; much of the damage occurs after rain events or in irrigated areas during periods of
14 drought where rooting leads to erosion, excess soil moisture, and the inability to operate
15 equipment; and

16 WHEREAS, feral hogs are also a threat to livestock and wildlife by preying upon
17 adolescent goats, lambs, and calves; and

18 WHEREAS, this invasive exotic species is a vector for disease for humans,
19 commercial swine operations, and wildlife; they are plagued by such diseases as swine
20 brucellosis, pseudorabies, and classical swine fever; and

1 WHEREAS, the adaptive and prolific nature of these animals along with their
2 capabilities for widespread devastation places their management as one of the top priorities
3 for wildlife scientists; and

4 WHEREAS, a great step towards solving the infestation of feral hogs would be
5 assembling federal, state, and private stakeholders in a venue to discuss the biological,
6 financial, and social implications specific to feral hog subsistence in our ecosystems in a
7 professional, educational atmosphere.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to conduct a study on the source,
10 the effects, and methods of elimination of feral hogs.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
12 conduct a symposium on feral hogs to discuss the biological, financial, and social
13 implications on our ecosystems, particularly focused on the source of the feral hogs in our
14 state, their damaging effects, and the methods to eliminate this prolific invasive species.

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

DIGEST

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