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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 156

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ENVIRONMENT: Recognizes that the development and implementation of environmental policies shall be cognizant of the rights of our citizens and national and state sovereignty

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To recognize that any development and implementation of environmental policies shall be
3	cognizant of the constitutional rights of our citizens and the sovereignty of the
4	United States of America and the state of Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, at the dawn of the environmental protection movement, the dilemma
6	arose of determining the divide between environmental policy and private property rights;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, this question is of no greater importance than in this country as its
9	founding was centered on protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people of the
10	thirteen original colonies and where those principals have been the driving force in
11	establishing the greatest nation in history; and
12	WHEREAS, the expansion of the development and implementation of environmental
13	policies that embrace sustainable development has international origins created without
14	regard to American concepts of private property ownership and the sovereignty of the
15	federal and state governments, both embodied in the United States Constitution and the
16	Louisiana Constitution of 1974; and
17	WHEREAS, nongovernmental organizations, such as the International Council of
18	Environmental Initiatives, Local Governments for Sustainability, and International League
19	of Cities, promote these environmental policies directly to local governments and local and
20	regional planning commissions by providing grants for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the environmental polices of sustainable development, such as smart growth, wildlands project, resilient cities, regional visioning projects, and other "green" or "alternative" projects, have indeed been mirrored in local communities throughout the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize that any development and implementation of environmental policies shall be cognizant of the constitutional rights of our citizens and the sovereignty of the United States

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