

1 WHEREAS, the CRCL, in June of 2014, launched a program to recycle oyster shells
2 gathered from participating New Orleans restaurants; with the oyster shells gathered being
3 used to aide in the restoration of oyster reefs and shoreline habitat across coastal Louisiana;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this is the first program of its kind in Louisiana and in its first twelve
6 months it became the largest oyster shell recycling program in the nation recycling over
7 seven hundred twenty-five tons of used oyster shells; and

8 WHEREAS, the recycling program is sponsored through a million dollar donation
9 from the Shell Oil Company; and

10 WHEREAS, there are twelve restaurants in the New Orleans area that are currently
11 active participants in the recycling program and those twelve restaurants accounted for more
12 recycled oyster shells than the entire Maryland program that had been the largest in the
13 nation prior to Louisiana entering the market and the Maryland program recycles from
14 hundreds of restaurants throughout that state; and

15 WHEREAS, the CRCL chose to pursue an oyster shell recycling program to help
16 develop oyster beds that will in turn enhance the water quality of our estuaries, to provide
17 essential fish habitat, to build buffers against storm surge, and to replenish the oyster shell
18 deficit that has developed because nearly sixty percent of the shell removed through the
19 harvest of oysters is not returned to the water to encourage the growth of new oysters; and

20 WHEREAS, the CRCL bags the recycled oyster shells and deploys those bags along
21 eroding shorelines to help protect shorelines and to help build reefs and the recycling
22 program also provides shell to facilitate oyster reef aquaculture research; and

23 WHEREAS, the CRCL plans to continue and expand their oyster shell recycling
24 program through contact with more restaurants and seafood processors and deploying the
25 recycled oyster shells throughout the state's coastal areas.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend the CRCL on the success of their oyster shell recycling program.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
29 Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

DIGEST

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