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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

PARKS: Expresses support for the U.S. Land and Water Conservation Fund

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express legislative support for the United States Land and Water Conservation Fund.
3	WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has enabled the
4	creation of thousands of parks, commemorative sites, refuges, and other areas for public
5	outdoor recreation since it was first passed by the United States Congress in 1964; and
6	WHEREAS, it has been fifty years since the first projects supported by the LWCF
7	were created in Louisiana, and since then the LWCF has helped create and enhance two
8	national parks, twelve national wildlife refuges, and over seven hundred state and local parks
9	and recreation areas across our state, all of which also contribute substantially to tourism and
10	outdoor recreation revenue for the state, parishes, and local communities; and
11	WHEREAS, the LWCF continues to improve the quality of life for Louisiana's
12	citizens, with park and recreation facilities funded through the LWCF slated for completion
13	in Acadia, Concordia, Jefferson, LaSalle, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Martin,
14	St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington parishes; and
15	WHEREAS, the LWCF is administered in Louisiana by the office of state parks,
16	under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, working in partnership with local
17	communities, parishes, and private supporters; and
18	WHEREAS, the LWCF can play a pivotal role as a fiscal resource for local, city, and
19	parish planning efforts in Louisiana, such as the FUTURE BR Comprehensive Management
20	Plan, Plan Lafayette, the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan, the Shreveport-Caddo

2030 Master Plan, the Vision Sulphur Plan, and the Vermilion Parish Comprehensive
Resiliency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF derives its dollars from offshore oil production revenues from the outer continental shelf rather than taxes, and is a dedicated recipient of funds through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, along with Louisiana and other gulf coast states, highlighting our state's coastal needs as a national conservation priority; and

- 8 WHEREAS, the United States Congress reauthorized the Land and Water 9 Conservation Fund in December 2015, and there is strong bipartisan support for ongoing
- 10 authorization of this important federal law.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

12 express its support for the United States Land and Water Conservation Fund and its

13 continued beneficial contributions to the state's citizens, economy, and environment.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

15 governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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