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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possibility of state reciprocity in the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for certain members of the United States Armed Forces.

WHEREAS, Louisiana offers some of the lowest recreational hunting and fishing license fees in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana already offers several options for reduced rates for the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses by persons who served in the United States Armed Forces or are current members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, no matter their state of residence, current active duty members of the armed forces and their spouses qualify for licenses at the Louisiana resident rates; and

WHEREAS, members of the Louisiana National Guard or reserve who are not on active duty qualify for a fifty-dollar license that covers all hunting and fishing privileges at half the price of a resident license; and

WHEREAS, retired members of the United States Armed Forces who were either born in Louisiana or are current residents of Louisiana qualify for a five-dollar license that covers all hunting and fishing privileges; and

WHEREAS, residents of Louisiana who are disabled veterans qualify for hunting and fishing licenses for no charge and the surviving spouse of a person killed in action in a combat zone qualifies for a hunting or fishing license for two dollars and fifty cents; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is actively recognizing and honoring those people who served in our nation's armed forces and gave so freely of their time, effort, and sometimes their lives and limbs in defense of the citizens of this nation and this state; and

WHEREAS, however, their service was not just for the state of Louisiana but it was for the entire country and that service should be recognized and rewarded throughout this great land in whatever ways are possible; and

WHEREAS, universal granting of reduced-rate hunting and fishing privileges by all the states would be an appropriate and appreciated way to recognize and reward the sacrifices of all members of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty, retired, retired and disabled, and those who served and received an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana should pursue this ideal and explore the possibilities of establishing a nationwide policy of granting reduced-rate hunting and fishing privileges for all members of the United States Armed Forces whether they are active duty, retired, retired and disabled, or have completed their service and received an honorable discharge and work with our sister states to establish the necessary reciprocity agreements and infrastructure for implementation of this concept.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possibility of state reciprocity in the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for certain members of the United States Armed Forces.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE