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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 230

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WATERWAYS: Urges and requests the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to cooperate in developing a solution to adaptively manage Mardi Gras Pass

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Wildlife
3 and Fisheries, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to cooperate to
4 develop solutions through the best available science to adaptively manage Mardi
5 Gras Pass.

6 WHEREAS, south of Pointe a la Hache on the east bank of the Mississippi River in
7 the Bohemia Spillway where no levee exists, a cut formed at the site of the old Bohemia
8 Salinity Control Structure during the Mardi Gras season in 2012, thereby creating an
9 uncontrolled connection known as Mardi Gras Pass, between the Mississippi River to an
10 existing channel; and

11 WHEREAS, concerns exist that the increased fresh water flow will contribute to
12 erosion and widening of the channel, reduce salinity levels for oyster grounds, and cause an
13 increase in algae blooms and invasive species; and

14 WHEREAS, any adaptive management solution deemed necessary should also
15 include the benefits that may have been realized from the 2012 breach including the possible
16 increased sediment flow aiding in wetland creation and improvement in alligator populations
17 and white shrimp harvest; and

18 WHEREAS, Plaquemines Parish began the permit application process with the
19 United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
20 to address Mardi Gras Pass.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Wildlife and
3 Fisheries, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to cooperate to develop
4 solutions through the best available science to adaptively manage Mardi Gras Pass.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to the commander of the New Orleans District of the United States Army Corps of
7 Engineers, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the executive director
8 of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and the executive assistant of the
9 governor's office of coastal activities.

DIGEST

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