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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and express support for Louisiana's agricultural conservation partnerships on their contribution to improved water quality, environmental health, and economic productivity.

WHEREAS, the long-standing work of federal, state, local, and private programs in agricultural conservation and management has made an important contribution to improving water quality, environmental health, and economic productivity in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this work is carried out in Louisiana through the cooperative programs of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, office of soil and water conservation, and soil and water conservation districts; and

WHEREAS, these programs include the conservation programs in the United States Farm Bill and landscape and basin scale initiatives; such as, the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Action Plan, working with multiple partners such as the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, as well as farmers, landowners, and producer associations; and

WHEREAS, the improvements in watersheds and waterways achieved by these efforts across Louisiana, as well as in upstream states, are not only benefitting rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs but also the Gulf of Mexico and the state's coastal fishery and seafood resources; and

WHEREAS, these same programs can also deliver conservation benefits for efforts to address concerns on climate, water supply, and wildlife habitat, repaying continued investment in conservation with wide-ranging benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and support the important work being carried out by Louisiana's agricultural conservation partnerships for cooperative conservation and management in the state, including improved water quality, environmental health, and economic productivity, and convey this support to Louisiana's governor, lieutenant governor, and congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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