

1 State University and its LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and
2 Forestry (LDAF), office of soil and water conservation, in collaboration with the United
3 States Department of Agriculture, farmers, and producers to implement programs contained
4 in the 2018 Farm Bill, including projects in Louisiana's priority watersheds that drain to the
5 Mississippi River, the Atchafalaya River, and the Gulf of Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is working with
7 the LDAF, other partner agencies, and stakeholders to reduce nutrient loading in priority
8 watersheds throughout the state through the state's nonpoint source pollution program, as
9 well as working with industries along the Mississippi River industrial corridor between
10 Baton Rouge and New Orleans to proactively and voluntarily reduce their nutrient releases
11 into the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico through the Louisiana Environmental
12 Leadership Program; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has previously expressed its support for
14 efforts to reduce the Gulf hypoxic zone and ensure the health of the state's offshore fisheries
15 and waters, in resolutions such as House Concurrent Resolution No. 47 of the 2000 Regular
16 Session, House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 of the 2007 Regular Session, Senate
17 Concurrent Resolution No. 40 of the 2010 Regular Session, Senate Resolution No. 84 of the
18 2012 Regular Session, House Concurrent Resolution No. 70 of the 2016 Regular Session,
19 House Concurrent Resolution No. 30 of the 2019 Regular Session, and House Concurrent
20 Resolution No. 48 of the 2021 Regular Session.

21 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Louisiana reaffirms this
22 support and urges and requests continued support for these efforts by our state and others in
23 the Mississippi River Basin to work together toward achieving the goals and targets of the
24 Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan and a reduction of the hypoxic zone off our coast.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to
26 Governor John Bel Edwards, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, and each member of the
27 Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests continued support for the efforts in the Mississippi River Basin to achieve the goals of the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan.