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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the deer bag limits established in its hunting rules and regulations.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana states "The natural resources of the state, including air and water, and the healthful, scenic, historic, and esthetic quality of the environment shall be protected, conserved, and replenished insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people." and Article IX, Section 7 provides "The control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission."; and

WHEREAS, a part of controlling and supervising the wildlife of the state in a manner to protect, preserve, and replenish is to study the impacts of hunting, including the impacts of certain bags limits on deer; and

WHEREAS, setting those bag limits should be done only after careful study of the sustainability of the deer hunted in this state, the health of the herds present in the state, the quality of the habitat necessary to sustain the herds, the practices of other states in setting bag limits, and the experience other states have had with the impacts of their bag limits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the deer bag limits established in its hunting rules and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the chair of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE