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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to study the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the national and international shrimp industry and take all appropriate actions necessary to fully protect the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states from this disease.

WHEREAS, early mortality syndrome (EMS) has been identified in the shrimp stocks in China, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand, causing large losses among the shrimp farms in those countries; and

WHEREAS, EMS is characterized by mass mortalities during the first twenty to thirty days of culture in growout ponds along with the clinical signs including slow growth, corkscrew swimming, loose shells, and pale coloration; and

WHEREAS, affected shrimp consistently show an abnormal shrunken, small, swollen, or discolored hepatopancreas resulting in mortality; and

WHEREAS, Congress should fully utilize and bring to bear all available means of research and study to determine the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the shrimp industry and take all appropriate actions necessary to fully protect the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states from this disease; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Gulf of Mexico the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states is a multibillion dollar industry of vital importance to the economic well-being of the region, and is still threatened by and suffering from the enormous impacts of recent natural and manmade disasters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to study the causes, effects, prevention, and treatment of early mortality syndrome in the national and international shrimp industry and

take all appropriate actions necessary to fully protect the shrimp industry in Louisiana and other states from this disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE