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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY SENATOR NEVERS

WATER/WATERWAYS. Requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to build an artificial reef on Lake Maurepas.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to build an artificial reef in
3 Lake Maurepas.

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has been endowed with natural beauty that draws
5 countless sportsmen and tourists every year and should expend the necessary resources to
6 preserve its most important sanctuaries; and

7 WHEREAS, Lake Maurepas is regarded as central to the Louisiana outdoor and
8 fishing experience; and

9 WHEREAS, the lake is a treasured ecosystem and home to a variety of fish and
10 wildlife, and is surrounded by camping and recreations facilities and the Maurepas Swamp
11 Wildlife Management Area; and

12 WHEREAS, the lake is home to abundant largemouth bass, smallmouth bass,
13 crappie, catfish, and striped bass and efforts should be made to protect the populations of
14 fish so that they may be enjoyed for future generations of fisherman who come to enjoy Lake
15 Maurepas's waters; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries coordinates and manages the
17 Artificial Reef Program in which sustainable habitats are created to help preserve and protect
18 healthy populations of fish; and

1 WHEREAS, because it is a vital part of the ecosystem of southeastern Louisiana and
2 an important spot for recreational fisherman, an artificial reef in Lake Maurepas is necessary
3 to help preserve its fish population.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to build an artificial
6 reef in Lake Maurepas.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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