

1 WHEREAS, the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requires that all
2 hazardous wastes are managed in a manner that is protective of human health and the
3 environment; and

4 WHEREAS, open burning of waste explosives poses a danger to the health and
5 safety of citizens and threatens the economic development of the state; and

6 WHEREAS, the same concerns that resulted in prohibiting the open burning of
7 hazardous waste should be applicable to prohibiting the open burning and detonation of
8 waste explosives; and

9 WHEREAS, experts at the United States Environmental Protection Agency state that
10 based on experience and research "open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) is a relatively
11 uncontrolled, dirty, polluting technology" and that an open burn at Camp Minden, Louisiana,
12 would require "an extensive and costly clean up/remedial action"; and

13 WHEREAS, along with local leaders, elected officials, and thousands of citizens in
14 north Louisiana, the cities of Minden, Doyline, Sibley, and Bossier and Shreveport, Webster
15 and Caddo parishes, the Caddo school board, the Jenkins Community Water System, the
16 Minden Chamber of Commerce, and the Louisiana Municipal Association expressed
17 concerns about the safety of the proposed open burn; and

18 WHEREAS, the Camp Minden Dialogue Committee brought together citizens, local
19 scientists, elected officials, representatives from the Louisiana National Guard, the
20 Department of Environmental Quality, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
21 Region 6, and the United States Army for thirty days to review and evaluate alternatives to
22 the proposed open burn of the M6 propellant at Camp Minden; and

23 WHEREAS, this committee found that multiple alternative disposal technologies
24 exist; and

25 WHEREAS, likewise, over the past fifteen years the United States Department of
26 Defense Explosives Safety Board has certified a number of alternative disposal technologies
27 as safe for the destruction of hazardous wastes that are explosive; and

28 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana, the United States Environmental Protection
29 Agency, and the citizens of North Louisiana are currently working together to select and
30 implement an alternative technology for the disposal of the M6 propellant; and

1 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana should take steps to protect its citizens by
2 preventing a dangerous situation like Camp Minden from ever occurring again.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Legislature does hereby direct
4 the Louisiana National Guard not accept waste explosives at Camp Minden brought into the
5 state after August 1, 2015.

6 BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
7 the adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard.

DIGEST

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Directs the La. National Guard not accept any more waste explosives at Camp Minden brought into the state after August 1, 2015.