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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide stricter

3 enforcement of shrimping laws and regulations.

4 WHEREAS, the commercial shrimp fishery is one of the most economically

5 important fisheries in the southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; and most particularly in

6 Louisiana where it is the largest fishery in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, white shrimp landings in 2011 in Louisiana were nearly twenty-six

8 thousand metric tons, which equates to over fifty-seven million pounds, while brown shrimp

9 landings were nearly eighteen thousand metric tons, which equates to over thirty-nine

10 million pounds; and

11 WHEREAS, approximately seventy percent of Louisiana's shrimp landings are from

12 state waters; and

13 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the primary gears used to harvest shrimp are otter and

14 skimmer trawls with fishermen also using butterfly nets, chopstick rigs, stationary butterfly

15 nets, roller-frame trawls, and cast nets in state waters; and

16 WHEREAS, vessels fishing with otter trawls are required to use turtle excluder

17 devices in all federal and state waters and bycatch reduction devices are required in federal

18 waters; and

19 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to

20 enforce the state and federal laws and regulations governing the shrimping industry in state

21 waters and federal waters off the coast of Louisiana; and

1 WHEREAS, the laws and regulations are intended to ensure the viability and
2 sustainability of the shrimp fishery and the safety and protection of the individuals working
3 in the industry and strict enforcement provides assurance that the laws and regulations are
4 effective.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide stricter enforcement
7 of shrimping laws and regulations.

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

DIGEST

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