

1 implementation of GOMESA as well as by gradually lifting all revenue sharing caps but the
2 legislation died with the close of the previous congress; and

3 WHEREAS, with the state and its offshore waters taken alone, Louisiana is the ninth
4 largest producer of oil in the United States in 2014 while including offshore oil from federal
5 waters, it was the second largest oil producer in the country; and when taken alone Louisiana
6 was the fourth largest producer of gas in the United States in 2013 while including the Gulf
7 of Mexico waters, it was the second largest producer in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, with nineteen operating refineries in the state, Louisiana was second
9 only to Texas as of January 2014 in both total and operating refinery capacity, accounting
10 for nearly one-fifth of the nation's total refining capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana's contributions to the United States Strategic Petroleum
12 Reserve with two facilities located in the state consisting of twenty-nine caverns capable of
13 holding nearly three hundred million barrels of crude oil; and

14 WHEREAS, with three onshore liquified natural gas facilities, more than any other
15 state in the country, and the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, the nation's only deepwater oil port,
16 Louisiana plays an essential role in the movement of natural gas from the United States Gulf
17 Coast region to markets throughout the country; and

18 WHEREAS, it is apparent that Louisiana plays an essential role in supplying the
19 nation with energy and it is vital to the security of our nation's energy supply, roles that
20 should be recognized and compensated at an appropriate revenue sharing level; and

21 WHEREAS, the majority of the oil and gas production from the Gulf of Mexico
22 enters the United States through coastal Louisiana with all of the infrastructure necessary to
23 receive and transport such production, infrastructure that has for many decades damaged the
24 coastal areas of Louisiana, an impact that should be compensated through appropriate
25 revenue sharing with the federal government; and

26 WHEREAS, because Louisiana is losing more coastal wetlands than any other state
27 in the country, in 2006 the people of Louisiana overwhelmingly approved a constitutional
28 amendment dedicating revenues received from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity
29 to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the purposes of coastal protection,

1 including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly
2 impacted by coastal wetland losses; and

3 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has developed a science-based "Comprehensive
4 Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast" which identifies and prioritizes the most efficient and
5 effective projects in order to meet the state's critical coastal protection and restoration needs;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is making great
8 progress implementing the projects in the "Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable
9 Coast" with all available funding, projects that are essential to the protection of the
10 infrastructure that is critical to the energy needs of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, in order to properly compensate the coastal states for the infrastructure
12 demands that result from production of energy and fuels that heat and cool the nation's
13 homes, offices, and businesses and fuel the nation's transportation needs, revenue sharing
14 for coastal states needs to be at the same rate as interior states that produce oil, gas, and coal.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to treat mineral
17 and gas production in the Gulf Coastal states in a manner that is at least equal to onshore oil,
18 gas, and coal production in interior states for revenue purposes; and to rectify the revenue
19 sharing inequities between coastal and interior energy producing states in order to address
20 the nationally significant crisis of wetland loss in the state of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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