

1 WHEREAS, an estimated three hundred fifteen gigawatts total or the equivalent of
2 thirteen times Louisiana's existing generation capacity can be produced; and

3 WHEREAS, a single, six hundred megawatt offshore wind project has the potential
4 to create four thousand four hundred seventy jobs and four hundred forty-five million dollars
5 in gross domestic product during construction, as well as an additional one hundred fifty
6 full-time jobs and fourteen million annually during ongoing operations; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana has already begun to position the state as a hub for the
8 production of green hydrogen which relies on the use of offshore wind energy; and

9 WHEREAS, developing Louisiana's offshore wind industry presents a potential new
10 source of state and local revenue as well as workforce and economic development
11 opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana recently unanimously approved its Climate Action Plan that
13 proposes an offshore wind power generation goal of 5-gigawatts by 2035.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Public Service
16 Commission to investigate the benefits, feasibility, and pathways to achieving 5-gigawatts
17 of offshore wind energy development by 2035.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 executive secretary of the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

DIGEST

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