

1 WHEREAS, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in
2 2020, the United States imported approximately one billion six hundred million pounds of
3 shrimp, an increase of up to seven and one half percent from 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2022, Ecuador was the second leading source of shrimp exports to
5 the United States, after India, exporting four hundred forty-one million pounds of shrimp to
6 the United States, according to Seafood Source; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the 2021-2022 annual report from the Louisiana
8 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, shrimp are the state's most valuable fishery; and

9 WHEREAS, the average real dockside value of Louisiana shrimp fell from one dollar
10 and ninety-three cents per pound in 2000 to one dollar and three cents per pound in 2018;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, this unfair competition allows foreign competitors to flood the United
13 States market, devastating local industries.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the president of the United States to reconsider an agreement signed with
16 Ecuador that facilitates growth of certain aquaculture exports from Ecuador to the United
17 States.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 White House and to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representative of
20 the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Louisiana congressional
21 delegation.

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