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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

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WATER/RESOURCES: Urges and requests the Department of Conservation and Energy to study industrial use of water from Caddo Lake

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Conservation and Energy to study the industrial use
3 of water from Caddo Lake and to report its findings to the House Committee on
4 Natural Resources and Environment.

5 WHEREAS, the ever-increasing demand for data storage and processing capacities,
6 especially for intensive computational tasks such as artificial intelligence (AI) development
7 and deployment, has led to construction of massive data centers throughout the country; and

8 WHEREAS, the operation of these data centers raises the temperature of the ambient
9 air and requires cooling strategies to keep them functional and protect the costly equipment;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, moving water through a piped cooling loop that exchanges heat with
12 the environment achieves higher efficiency at the larger scale required for massive AI
13 centers; and

14 WHEREAS, data centers consume massive amounts of water for cooling, with large
15 facilities using between one and five million gallons of water a day; and

16 WHEREAS, Caddo Lake is a twenty-five thousand-acre lake and wetland on the
17 border of Louisiana and Texas; and

18 WHEREAS, preserving an adequate and safe water supply for Caddo Parish is of
19 paramount importance to the welfare, safety, and health of the citizens of Caddo Parish; and

