

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana sportsmen and sportswomen believe that allowing the use of
2 dogs for deer hunting in Kisatchie would promote hunter participation, preserve hunting
3 heritage, and provide additional wildlife management benefits; and

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the capacity and
5 expertise to work collaboratively with the United States Forest Service to establish clear,
6 reasonable rules, seasons, and management practices to ensure safe and sustainable use of
7 dogs for deer hunting within the Kisatchie National Forest consistent with conservation and
8 public-safety objectives; and

9 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the cultural, recreational, and
10 economic benefits of hunting in Louisiana and seeks to restore opportunities for the lawful
11 use of dogs in deer hunting on federal lands within the state.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 memorialize the United States Congress and the United States Forest Service to take all
14 necessary and appropriate actions to allow the use of dogs for the hunting and retrieval of
15 deer in the Kisatchie National Forest.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 memorialize the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to work with the United
18 States Forest Service to establish clear, reasonable rules, seasons, and management practices
19 to ensure safe and sustainable use of dogs for deer hunting within the Kisatchie National
20 Forest consistent with conservation and public safety objectives.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 President of the United States, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
23 the majority leader of the United States Senate, the secretary of the United States
24 Department of Agriculture, the chief of the United States Department of Agriculture Forest
25 Service, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and each
26 member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

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Memorializes the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Forest Service to take all necessary and appropriate actions to allow the use of dogs for deer hunting in the Kisatchie National Forest.