

1 WHEREAS, the annual mallard harvest in Louisiana declined by approximately
2 ninety-five percent between 1999 and 2021, marking the most significant decline among
3 states within the Mississippi Flyway; and

4 WHEREAS, fewer waterfowl migrating south will likely accelerate this decline in
5 harvest, leading to additional losses in conservation revenues and other funding sources that
6 support wildlife habitat programs; and

7 WHEREAS, in anticipation of improving habitat in the breeding grounds and in
8 Louisiana to increase the numbers of wintering waterfowl in Louisiana, Senator John N.
9 Kennedy has requested that the USFWS conduct a study examining migratory waterfowl
10 behavior, their habitats, winter distribution patterns, and related economic effects within the
11 Mississippi Flyway.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 express its support for the request by Senator John N. Kennedy to the USFWS to conduct
14 a study to evaluate variables that contribute to the observed changes in migratory waterfowl
15 behavior, winter distributions, continental populations, and related economic outcomes in
16 the Mississippi Flyway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
18 director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

DIGEST

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Expresses the support of the La. Legislature for the request by Senator John N. Kennedy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate a formal study to evaluate, study, and research changes to migratory waterfowl behavior, wintering distributions, continental populations, and associated economic outcomes in the Mississippi Flyway.