



1 that are used to this day to make decisions as to when certain structures and spillways along  
2 the river will be opened or closed; and

3 WHEREAS, with the historic flooding that was experienced along the Mississippi  
4 River during the spring of 2011, an examination of the results and impacts should be  
5 conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine if the protocols developed for  
6 the "project design flood" were appropriated and useful for this historic flood event; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to an examination by the Corps of the protocols used to  
8 respond to the spring 2011 flood event, because the two management protocols are closely  
9 intertwined, the Corps should include an examination of the appropriateness of the  
10 congressional mandate that thirty percent of the water that flows down the Mississippi River  
11 at Red River Landing be diverted to flow down the Atchafalaya River.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 urge and request the U.S. Corps of Engineers to examine their protocols for management of  
14 the water in the Mississippi River to determine if those protocols are appropriate for water  
15 management of the river under current conditions.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in order to more appropriately manage the water  
17 in the Mississippi River to protect the citizens of the state of Louisiana and the other states  
18 along the river, if the Corps finds that the Mississippi River and Tributaries protocols need  
19 to be revised based on data newly available from the 2011 spring flood, that they take the  
20 necessary steps to revise the protocols where they can and where revision will take  
21 congressional action, that the Corps request such revisions from Congress.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the  
23 president of the Mississippi River Commission.

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#### DIGEST

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