

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration, state land office, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, office of mineral resources, to study and provide a report on the total amount of acres to which the state owns the mineral rights, the total amount of acres currently subject to a mineral lease, and the total amount of acres on which the state owns mineral rights where the property was adjudicated to the state pursuant to the Tax Adjudicated Lands Records Program from 1938 through 1962 and subsequently transferred to private ownership.

WHEREAS, royalties and lease payments for mineral rights are important sources of revenue for the state of Louisiana and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to accurately track revenue from these sources, the state must have an accurate accounting of all lands in which the state owns and leases the mineral rights; and

WHEREAS, an accurate accounting of state-owned mineral rights would assist in identifying lands where the state has held but not exercised its ownership of the mineral rights for many decades; and

WHEREAS, if certain properties owned by private persons where the mineral rights have not been exercised by the state for several decades can be identified, it may be beneficial to the state and its citizens if those mineral rights become subject to a prescriptive period transferring those rights to the owner of the land who may return them to the stream of commerce.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the division of administration, state land office, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, office of mineral resources, to study and provide a report on the total amount of acres to which the state owns the mineral rights, the total amount of

acres currently subject to a mineral lease, and the total amount of acres on which the state owns mineral rights where the property was adjudicated to the state pursuant to the Tax Adjudicated Lands Records Program from 1938 through 1962 and subsequently transferred to private ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of the division of administration and to the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and that the division of administration report its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before January 1, 2012.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE