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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Urges and requests the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to review the restrictions on possession of exotic and invasive species

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to review the regulations
3 governing the possession and ownership of certain exotic and invasive species and
4 evaluate the advisability of including additional species in those prohibitions.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana has one of the most diverse and vast natural habitats in the
6 world; and

7 WHEREAS, many exotic nonindigenous and potentially invasive species thrive in
8 Louisiana to the peril of native species; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana's ecosystem is fragile and should be protected; and

10 WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6 et seq. requires the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
11 Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to control
12 the importation and private possession of nonindigenous constrictors in excess of twelve feet
13 in length; venomous snakes; nonhuman primates; big exotic cats including but not limited
14 to tigers, lions, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, and hybrids resulting from cross-breeding of
15 such cats; and

16 WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries should examine the
17 advisability of expanding its rules regulating the possession and ownership of certain exotic
18 and invasive species to include members of the monitor lizard family, other invasive lizard
19 species, and any other potentially invasive species that originate in other parts of the world
20 with a similar climate and habitat to that of Louisiana.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to review the regulation
3 governing the possession and ownership of certain exotic and invasive species and evaluate
4 the advisability of including additional species in those prohibitions.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

DIGEST

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