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RESOLUTION NO. H

SUBJECT: FRESHWATER DIVERSION AT CAERNARVON, LA

WHEREAS, Louisiana's coastal marshes, which are of national importance to fish and wildlife, are being lost to erosion, subsidence, saltwater intrusion and other causes at a rate exceeding 25,000 acres per year, and

WHEREAS, the most promising solution to this problem is to re-introduce fresh water from the Mississippi River into these marshes, and

WHEREAS, four major freshwater diversion structures along the Mississippi River were authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1965, but have never been built, and

WHEREAS, strong renewed support exists for construction of one of these structures near Caernarvon, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Act 41 recently passed by the Louisiana Legislature provides for the appropriation of up to 16 percent of the Coastal Environment Protection Trust Fund for construction of projects for which the Federal government provides at least 50 percent of the cost, and

WHEREAS, Governor Treen has recently provided a letter of intent to the Corps of Engineers stating that the State of Louisiana will provide 25 percent of the total cost of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion Structure, and

WHEREAS, Federal funds are now needed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to resume advanced design and construction of the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion Structure,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urge the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to seek Federal funds necessary for the Corps of Engineers to resume advanced design and construction of Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion Structure at the earliest possible date.

Adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation in convention assembled,
31 January 1982 in Alexandria.