

**RESOLUTION OF HOUMA-TERREBONNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 800 businesses in the region, has historically been a proponent of coastal restoration; and

WHEREAS, various modifications to accommodate human activities within the Terrebonne Basin and surrounding areas have disrupted our estuary's natural hydrology; and

WHEREAS, the high rate of marsh loss in the North Lake Boudreaux Basin has been continuous since the 1980s, largely due to subsidence, hydrologic alterations and subsequent saltwater intrusion; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in the conversion of organic freshwater marshes into open water and intermediate marshes into brackish marshes and have caused substantial loss of cypress swamps and wax myrtle thickets; and

WHEREAS, the North Lake Boudreaux Basin Freshwater Introduction Project (TE-32a) would reduce marsh loss rates by the seasonal introduction of fresh water from the Houma Navigation Canal (HNC) when available; and

WHEREAS the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has worked diligently with the State of Louisiana and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to resolve the delays experienced in the implementation of this project, including the concerns of local landowners; and

WHEREAS there Terrebonne Parish Consolidated government has secured the necessary agreements to meet conditions and milestones set by the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, this project has undergone a second wetlands value assessment and will provide a direct benefit to approximately 619 acres, and, we believe, an indirect benefit to over 7,000 acres;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce does urge and request that the CWPPRA Technical Committee recommend to the CWPPRA Task Force that, having met conditions and milestones established by the Task Force, a favorable decision is made to continue the North Lake Boudreaux Basin Freshwater Introduction Project (TE-32a) project through construction, and that the CWPPRA Task Force does maintain continued funding for the project through its completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to representatives of all CWWPRA Technical Committee Members as well as CWPPRA Task Force Members, the Terrebonne Parish Council and our State and Federal Legislative Delegations.

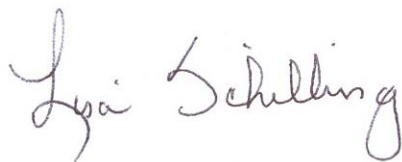
This Resolution was passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Houma Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

THERE WAS RECORDED:

YEAS: 29

NAYS: 0

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted on this, the 8th day of April, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Schilling".

Lisa Schilling – Chairman of the Board

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Drake Pothier, President/CEO and Secretary of the Houma Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation, at a regular meeting thereof, held at Houma, LA, called pursuant to due notice, on April 8, 2008, at which meeting a quorum of its members was present and acting throughout; and which Resolution is still in full force and effect.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drake Pothier".

Drake Pothier – President/CEO – Board Secretary