WHEREAS the invasion of Asian carp is an ecological and economic detriment to Missouri’s waterways;

AND WHEREAS Asian carp account for an increasing portion of the aquatic biomass in Missouri’s large river systems;

AND WHEREAS Asian carp meat is a viable, healthy and inexpensive food source;

AND WHEREAS Missouri’s Share the Harvest program provides sustenance to many needy families in Missouri;

AND WHEREAS the processing of Asian carp would encourage anglers to remove the fish from waterways;

AND WHEREAS additional meat processing would generate more income for Missouri meat processors;

AND WHEREAS the State of Missouri, private corporations, not-for-profit organizations and private citizens fund the Share the Harvest program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 recommends investigation of markets for Asian carp, possibly including the Share the Harvest program, and increase state funding and Missouri private corporation and not-for-profit organization participation in Asian carp research.