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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY SENATORS GARY SMITH AND BROWN AND REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, GAINES AND WILLMOTT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on being granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on being granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Accreditation Program recognizes the ability of emergency management programs to bring together personnel, resources, and communications from a variety of agencies in preparation for and in response to an emergency, in addition to obtaining the ability to measure those capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Accreditation Program is the only accreditation process for emergency management programs; and

WHEREAS, to achieve accreditation, emergency management programs document compliance with a set of industry recognized standards and undergo a peer-review assessment by Emergency Management Accreditation Program trained assessors; and

WHEREAS, emergency management programs use the accreditation to demonstrate the capabilities of their disaster preparedness and response systems; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Accreditation Program process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with requirements in sixteen areas, including: planning, resource management, training, exercises, evaluations, corrective

actions, communications, and warning; and

WHEREAS, accreditation is valid for five years, after which St. Charles Parish will be reassessed to maintain accredited status; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is responsible for building an emergency plan as part of a national incident management system capable of responding not only to local or regional emergencies, but also to national security emergencies; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is home to more than twenty industrial facilities and faces an array of natural and manmade risks, especially those from hurricanes and flooding; and

WHEREAS, this achievement recognizes the leadership of Ron Perry, director of the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and his staff as well as the efforts of the entire parish government and its strategic partners, including the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, St. Charles Parish Public Schools, St. Charles Parish Hospital, and emergency medical services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness on being granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the St. Charles Parish Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

DIGEST

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