

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE AND SENATOR WHITE

FUNDS/FUNDING-BUDGET, ST: Directs flood protection districts and parish governing authorities in areas benefitting from the federal Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) to contribute towards the \$400 million annual payments the state must make for this project

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the governing authorities of St. Charles Parish, Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines  
3 Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Orleans Parish, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection  
4 Authority - East, and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West  
5 Bank to each devise and implement a plan for contributing to the remaining debt  
6 owed to the federal government for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk  
7 Reduction System and to report to the legislature by no later than December 1, 2021,  
8 on their plan and implementation thereof.

9 WHEREAS, sixteen years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Southeastern  
10 quadrant of our state; and

11 WHEREAS, in the aftermath, in order to better protect the life and property of  
12 citizens of Southeast Louisiana in the future, Congress and the state embarked on an  
13 ambitious program to reduce future storm damage in the area, known as the Hurricane and  
14 Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS); and

15 WHEREAS, the project entailed countless manpower hours and metric tons of  
16 materials to construct and rehabilitate hundreds of miles of levees and floodwalls, new  
17 pumping stations, and water control structures in the southeast portion of the state; and

18 WHEREAS, since embarking on the HSDRRS project in 2008, the state has endured  
19 multiple hurricanes, at least three of which have caused historic damage to the southwestern  
20 portion of the state; and

1           WHEREAS, the citizens of five southeastern Louisiana parishes directly benefit from  
2 the HSDRRS project while the citizens of the state's remaining fifty-nine parishes are  
3 saddled with the cost for a storm drainage and protection system that does not directly  
4 impact them, their property, or their livelihoods; and

5           WHEREAS, as the state is faced with payments due on the HSDRRS project totaling  
6 more than one billion dollars, the Legislature believes that the five parishes and two flood  
7 protection authorities that directly benefit from the project should contribute towards  
8 payment of its cost.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 direct the governing authorities of each of the following political subdivisions to devise and  
11 implement a plan for contributing to the remaining debt owed to the federal government for  
12 the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System: St. Charles Parish, Jefferson  
13 Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Orleans Parish, the Southeast Louisiana  
14 Flood Protection Authority - East, and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority -  
15 West Bank.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct  
17 the governing authority of each such political subdivision to report to the legislature no later  
18 than December 1, 2021, on their plan and implementation thereof.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each  
20 member of the legislature with a district that includes all or part of any of St. Charles Parish,  
21 Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, or Orleans Parish; to the governing  
22 authority of St. Charles Parish, Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, and  
23 Orleans Parish; and to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and the  
24 Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West Bank, for distribution to their  
25 membership.

DIGEST

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