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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

FLOODING/CONTROL: Memorializes the U.S. Congress to invest future supplemental funding in the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest
3 future supplemental funding in the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown
4 Point located in Jefferson Parish aiding in flood protection and preventing future
5 losses and damages.

6 WHEREAS, the population in Jefferson Parish is approximately 429,711; and

7 WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish is the third largest parish in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, there are approximately 100,179 properties in Jefferson Parish that have
9 a greater than twenty-six percent chance of being severely affected by flooding; and

10 WHEREAS, flood risks have increased in Jefferson Parish, and there is an extreme
11 risk of flooding over the next thirty years; and

12 WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish has greater overall flood risk than ninety-nine percent
13 of counties across the country; and

14 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded a grant to aid in
15 flood mitigation in Jefferson Parish; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the president of the United States did
17 not include the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point; however, the state of
18 Louisiana received supplemental funding for the parishes of Lafourche, Terrebonne,
19 Orleans, East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, and parts of Jefferson; and

1 WHEREAS, continued investments in flood mitigation are needed to prevent future
2 loss and damage resulting from natural disasters in the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and
3 Crown Point; and

4 WHEREAS, the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point have suffered
5 the adverse effects of the West Closure Complex drainage system and the one hundred-year
6 levees three miles north of the area; and

7 WHEREAS, the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point have suffered
8 the adverse effects of the sediment diversion on United States Highway 90 and will suffer
9 from the proposed mid-Barataria sediment diversion; and

10 WHEREAS, the extreme risk of flooding in Jefferson Parish has shown the urgent
11 need to invest resources for the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point as a
12 means to protect life and property in the future, as citizens are continuously impacted by the
13 flooding and rebuilding of their homes and lives.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest more
16 resources into the communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point to aid in future flood
17 damage mitigation.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to include the
20 communities of Lafitte, Barataria, and Crown Point in any future supplemental funding and
21 pre-mitigation funding to provide flood protection and to prevent future losses and damages.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
24 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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