

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE