

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR FESI AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide a long-term solution for the housing crisis suffered by Louisiana residents displaced due to the devastation of Hurricane Ida.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida devastated Louisiana on August 29, 2021, destroying property throughout the state, causing many Louisianians to be displaced from their homes; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Ida, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established a program to reimburse the state for costs incurred by providing temporary shelters in the form of campers; and

WHEREAS, the federal aid expired in January of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the state absorbed the costs of over two million dollars per month after the FEMA benefits expired; and

WHEREAS, the state-sponsored Ida Shelters program ended on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, with five hundred fifty-two residents still participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has delayed eviction, while considering whether to donate the camper-residences to the respective parishes or offering the residents an opportunity to purchase the campers at their appraised value; and

WHEREAS, while GOHSEP's plan may resolve the immediate needs of the displaced residents, a long-term solution rests with the federal government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide a long-term solution for the housing crisis suffered by Louisiana residents displaced due to the devastation of Hurricane Ida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES