

1 unaffordable flood insurance premiums but also with the inability to transfer or sell property
2 deemed by FEMA to be at higher risk of flooding; and

3 WHEREAS, legislation and amendments are pending in Congress to delay the
4 premium increases authorized by the Biggert-Waters Act for one year to determine the
5 effects of such changes upon the availability, affordability, and sustainability of flood
6 insurance; and

7 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is also now in discussions
8 to reconsider and revise its flood-risk maps to include the effects of locally built levees,
9 pumping stations and floodgates, all of which have been funded, designed and built to
10 provide substantial protection from flooding, and also to develop new maps that more
11 accurately reflect actual area flood risk; and

12 WHEREAS, it is necessary for both Congress and FEMA to take immediate action
13 to prevent pending and unintended economic catastrophe for coastal communities,
14 individuals, and businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, without action by both Congress and FEMA it has been estimated that
16 at least half a million homes and businesses in Louisiana could be severely impacted, and
17 that other coastal communities outside of Louisiana could face similar economic devastation,
18 including communities, individuals, and businesses in New York, New Jersey and other
19 states severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
21 the Congress of the United States to prevent unnecessary and unintended harm to coastal
22 communities, individuals, and businesses by immediately amending the Biggert-Waters Act
23 and mandating revision of Federal Emergency Management Agency flood-risk maps.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
25 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
26 Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
27 Congress, and to the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry G. Jones.

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