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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 144

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ROAD HOME: Urges and requests HUD and OCD to release funds to displaced residents

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to
3	release funds to assist the homeowners who were affected by Hurricane Katrina.
4	WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, causing great
5	devastation in the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans and the displacement of most
6	homeowners in that area; and
7	WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recover Unit (OCD-
8	DRU), is the state agency responsible for the administration of federal disaster recovery
9	funds allocated to Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and
10	WHEREAS, OCD-DRU and the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) were tasked
11	with developing programs to administer funds, including The Road Home Program (RHP),
12	which is designed to provide compensation to Louisiana homeowners whose homes were
13	damaged by the hurricanes; and
14	WHEREAS, there have been approximately 90,000 homeowners who selected the
15	RHP rebuilding option and signed covenants that they would rebuild and reoccupy their
16	homes within three years; and
17	WHEREAS, reviews have found that approximately one-third of these may not have
18	complied with the covenants; and
19	WHEREAS, state and local auditors are calling on OCD to more aggressively
20	recover unused or misspent grant dollars; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2012, it was announced by the secretary of Housing and Urban 2 Development (HUD) that HUD was releasing additional dollars to assist in bringing 3 homeowners into compliance with their covenants and to help homeowners finish rebuilding 4 and restoring their homes; and 5 WHEREAS, Louisiana's plans to spend the final dollars in the RHP have been 6 delayed in the HUD approval process. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 urge and request the additional dollars be released by HUD and OCD to assist in bringing 9 homeowners into compliance with their covenants and to help homeowners finish their 10 Katrina rebuilding. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 12 secretary of HUD, the commissioner of administration, and the Lower 9th Ward

DIGEST

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Homeownership Association.

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Urges and requests HUD and OCD-DRU to release additional dollars to residents displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.