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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATORS LANDRY, DYESS, LAMBERT, SCHEDLER AND SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to authorize and to urge the governor of the state of Louisiana to support the development of the “Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana” by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide continuous hurricane protection from Morgan City to the Mississippi border.

WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens living and working in southeast Louisiana has been and continues to be vulnerable to the devastating effects of hurricanes and tropical storms; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local governments have attempted to provide hurricane protection to the residents of the region by implementing construction projects designed to protect specific areas; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan is in need of being developed to provide protection for the areas outside of existing project boundaries which are subject to catastrophic damages due to hurricanes and other storm events; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is analyzing a plan, entitled the “Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana”, to provide continuous hurricane protection from the vicinity of Morgan City, Louisiana to the Louisiana-Mississippi border; and

WHEREAS, the plan will seek to expedite the ongoing construction of several hurricane protection projects, seek immediate congressional authorization for projects being planned, initialize and expedite hurricane protection and flood control studies in the region, initiate a study

of flood proofing major hurricane evacuation routes, and initiate a reevaluation of existing hurricane protection projects to provide for category 4 or 5 hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the development of the plan will necessitate a major cooperative effort of federal, state, and local governments requiring a considerable amount of funds for planning, implementation, and construction; and

WHEREAS, the association of Levee Boards of Louisiana fully supports and endorses the concepts of the comprehensive hurricane protection plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to authorize and urge the governor of the state of Louisiana to support the development of the “Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana” by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide continuous hurricane protection from Morgan City to the Mississippi border.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES