

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To commend the government of Iceland for hosting the Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise Continuum youth leadership exchange program and to congratulate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates for climate and environmental justice for attending the event.

WHEREAS, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates for climate and environmental justice from the coastal states of Hawaii, Mississippi, and Louisiana, including Stephanie Anthony from Louisiana, will travel to Iceland this May to attend the Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise Continuum youth leadership exchange program; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the exchange program is to inspire, uplift, and build the capacity of youth leadership in coastal areas of the United States to address impacts of sea level rise by raising awareness and educating decision makers through experiencing Iceland, being on the originating end of the sea level rise continuum which, like the coastal United States, shares lush and beautiful landscapes and wildlife as well; and

WHEREAS, to achieve coastal community resilience, there must be meaningful local participation in the statewide planning process where youth leadership is especially critical as the youth are often the most vulnerable in an acute disaster and it is their future that is threatened by the predictions of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, with demonstrated passion and engagement in their communities, youth advocates in Hawaii, Mississippi, and Louisiana have stepped up with a commitment to deepening knowledge, understanding, and skills in addressing the causes of climate change while building resilience to its impacts as leaders in advancing solutions; and

WHEREAS, through hands-on learning in the arctic ice caps that are melting, the attendees will tie those experiences to the impacts of sea level rise and increased storm surge in the Gulf of Mexico and Hawaii, as well as learning about the threatened species of wildlife that will reinforce the bonds of our ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, youth leaders will continue to organize their peers to develop youth driven solutions, such as presentations to elected officials, film, and photography projects about their communities and their concerns, and to organize local planting projects to expand their knowledge and share information about wetlands protection and restoration, sea level rise, and coastal erosion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the government of Iceland for hosting the Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise Continuum youth leadership exchange program and to congratulate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates for climate and environmental justice for attending the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Stephanie Anthony and the Embassy of Iceland in Washington, D.C.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES