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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to reauthorize the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area program.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to
3	reauthorize the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area program.
4	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area program was designated in
5	2006 for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the historic, cultural, scenic, recreational,
6	and environmental assets in the fourteen-parish region; and
7	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area is one of fifty-five national
8	heritage areas designated by Congress since 1984; and
9	WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas tell significant stories that celebrate the nation's
10	diverse heritage; and
11	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya basin is the largest and most productive river swamp
12	in the United States; and
13	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya basin provides habitat for twenty-four federal and
14	state-listed threatened or endangered species or species of concern including the Louisiana
15	black bear, the brown pelican, and the bald eagle; and
16	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area supported events and programs
17	that engaged over fifty thousand residents and visitors and leveraged over sixteen thousand
18	volunteer hours since 2006; and

1	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area directly leveraged over five
2	million dollars in matching funds over the life of the program; and
3	WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area is among the most
4	culturally-rich and ecologically-varied regions in the United States, home to the widely
5	recognized Cajun culture as well as a diverse population of European, African, Caribbean,
6	and Native-American descent.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
8	the Congress of the United States to take action to reauthorize the Atchafalaya National
9	Heritage Area program to continue the work of promotion and preservation of the cultural,
10	natural, and recreational resources of the area for the next fifteen years.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
12	to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of
13	Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
14	Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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