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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To approve the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection projects, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq., provides for the creation, duties, and responsibilities of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (authority); and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the authority include the development of a state comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection, which should address integrated coastal protection efforts from both short-term and long-range perspectives, and incorporate the structural, management, and institutional components of both efforts; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection shall include a list of projects and programs required for the protection, conservation, enhancement and restoration of the coastal area, the action required of each agency to implement said project or program, and a schedule and estimated cost for the implementation of each project or program included in the plan; and

WHEREAS, as required under the provisions of R.S. 49:214.5.3, the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection adopted by the authority must be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the legislature may approve or disapprove of the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; and

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WHEREAS, the authority shall implement the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection if the legislature approves such plan, of if the legislature fails to take action on such plan within sixty days after the plan is submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the comprehensive master plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its specific intent that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and other entities implementing such master plan extend integrated coastal protection to include and protect the greatest number of coastal communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES