

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY SENATOR FESI

A RESOLUTION

To commend and extend appreciation to Ms. Jessica Mallindine with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for her coastal restoration work.

WHEREAS, Ms. Mallindine, a marine biologist, is a subject matter expert on the National Environmental Policy Act and on protected species for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management within the United States Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, with Ms. Mallindine's guidance and leadership, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) was able to secure regulatory approval and a noncompetitive negotiated agreement with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to use federal offshore sand resources for the Terrebonne Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration Project, the largest barrier island restoration project ever constructed in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mallindine was also an instrumental member of the project delivery team for Louisiana's barrier island restoration projects on Whiskey Island in Terrebonne Parish and Caminada Headland in Jefferson and Lafourche parishes; and

WHEREAS, serving as a member of the Marine Minerals Program, whose mission is to manage and facilitate access to the nation's Outer Continental Shelf nonenergy marine minerals, particularly sand and gravel, and as an advisor on the Louisiana Sand Management Working Group, Ms. Mallindine has extensive experience which contributed to a better understanding of existing sand resources, effective management of those resources, and coordination among stakeholders to resolve conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mallindine continues to help the CPRA advance projects within the comprehensive master coastal protection plan with her expertise, leadership, and guidance, and continues to help restore our coastal ecosystems and make our coastal communities more resilient.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ms. Jessica Mallindine with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management for her diligent efforts to help restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands and barrier island habitat and does hereby express heartfelt appreciation for her contributions to the natural resources and the people of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Jessica Mallindine.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE