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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 213

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COASTAL RESOURCES: Urges the Corps of Engineers to locate a different source of dirt for coastal protection efforts in Orleans Parish

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to locate a place other than
3 Lafourche Parish and Terrebonne Parish as a source for dirt to be used in hurricane
4 protection efforts in Orleans Parish.

5 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked by Congress with
6 the responsibility of hurricane protection in Louisiana and the majority of the Corps' efforts
7 are currently focused on New Orleans and the surrounding area; and

8 WHEREAS, hurricane protection for that great city and the residents of the extreme
9 southeastern portions of Louisiana is of vital importance; and

10 WHEREAS, although levee construction, which is being conducted in the New
11 Orleans area, is a very important element of hurricane protection, it is not the only
12 component of hurricane protection; and

13 WHEREAS, barrier islands and coastal marshes provide essential and beneficial
14 protection from hurricanes and their impacts on the coast of Louisiana, with coastal
15 protection and restoration efforts being essential to the preservation of those barrier islands
16 and coastal marshes; and

17 WHEREAS, mining dirt from coastal areas that will then be used in the construction
18 of levees in the New Orleans area seems a bit like "Robbing Peter to pay Paul" since the
19 barrier islands and coastal marshes provide the first line of defense for New Orleans and the
20 parishes around Orleans Parish; and

1 WHEREAS, the place where the state has experienced the most dramatic coastal land
2 loss is in Barataria Bay, bordered on the west side by the parishes of Lafourche and
3 Terrebonne; and

4 WHEREAS, it is in those two parishes that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has
5 determined that they will be mining dirt for use on the hurricane protection levees around
6 the New Orleans area, a place that has already lost significant amounts of land and really
7 cannot afford to share its dirt with other locales.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to locate a place other than Lafourche
10 Parish and Terrebonne Parish to be used as a source for dirt to be used in hurricane
11 protection efforts in Orleans Parish.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
13 colonel in charge of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District.

DIGEST

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