

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATOR FESI

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bayou Community Foundation for its efforts to assist Louisiana's coastal communities in the parishes of Lafourche and Terrebonne and the town of Grand Isle.

WHEREAS, since 2012, Bayou Community Foundation has worked diligently to strengthen the precious and unique coastal communities of Lafourche Parish and Terrebonne Parish, and the town of Grand Isle by addressing critical community needs, expanding nonprofit capacity, and enriching philanthropy in this coastal region; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this valuable and impactful community foundation specifically and effectively serving the 200,000 residents of this coastal Louisiana region; and

WHEREAS, since Hurricane Ida made landfall on August 29, 2021, Bayou Community Foundation has invested over \$10 million in its Bayou Recovery Fund for nonprofit relief and recovery efforts serving local residents; and

WHEREAS, Bayou Community Foundation has made housing recovery its priority in this region, working with Amish, Mennonite, and other volunteer groups from across the country to build forty-seven new homes and repair over four hundred fifty homes for under-resourced Hurricane Ida survivors since January 2022 through its Rebuild Dulac, Rebuild South Lafourche, and Rebuild Grand Isle housing recovery programs; and

WHEREAS, Bayou Community Foundation has successfully leveraged philanthropic gifts with volunteer efforts to provide over five hundred families in the Bayou Region with safe and sanitary homes again after the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, over the past eleven years, Bayou Community Foundation has awarded over \$2.3 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations to fund critical human services, education, workforce development, and coastal programs through its Annual Nonprofit Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, Bayou Community Foundation continues to lead efforts to address food insecurity and mental health needs in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and Grand Isle through its working groups on hunger and behavioral health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bayou Community Foundation for its efforts to assist Louisiana's coastal communities in Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish and the town of Grand Isle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jennifer Armand, executive director of the Bayou Community Foundation.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE