2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

AGRICULTURE: Memorializes Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to
3	take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in
4	response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry
5	as a result of Hurricane Laura.
6	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura made landfall along the coast of Louisiana on August
7	27, 2020, as a category four storm, becoming the strongest storm in Louisiana history and
8	causing an estimated ten billion dollars in damage from the southwestern to the northern part
9	of the state; and
10	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura created an estimated one billion six hundred million
11	dollar loss to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including a loss of one million eight
12	hundred thousand dollars to the livestock sector alone; and
13	WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred one thousand poultry, one hundred thirty
14	cattle, and a dozen horses died as a direct result of the storm and the extreme health and
15	insect conditions that followed; and
16	WHEREAS, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program, within
17	the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide benefits to eligible livestock owners
18	or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss
19	conditions, including adverse weather, disease, and attacks; and

1	WHEREAS, the United States Congress neglected to fund the Livestock Indemnity
2	Program properly, creating a situation where Louisiana livestock producers are unable to
3	utilize the program at a time when it is needed most to offset losses created by Hurricane
4	Laura.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6	memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take
7	such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to
8	the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of
9	Hurricane Laura.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11	presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
12	United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes the United States Congress and the La. congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the La. livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura.