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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND DWIGHT

CONGRESS: Memorializes congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with Hurricane Laura or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of federal funds as any needed match if full funding is not provided

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to
3	take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management
4	Agency to grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with
5	Hurricane Laura or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of
6	federal funding as needed matching funds if full federal funding is not provided.
7	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura was one of the most powerful storms to hit Louisiana
8	in recorded history; and
9	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura's exceptionally strong winds left a scar of damage
10	across our state spanning from the Gulf Coast to our northern border; and
11	WHEREAS, while loss and damage totals are still being compiled, the projections
12	across all states impacted by Hurricane Laura are expected to be in the tens of billions of
13	dollars and Louisiana was undoubtedly the state that suffered the brunt of the storm's impact;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, between the worldwide slump in oil prices and the COVID-19
16	pandemic shuttering businesses across the state and withering the state's previously strong
17	tourism revenues, Louisiana's economic prospects for the current and ensuing fiscal years
18	were already strained before Hurricane Laura wreaked her havoc; and

1	WHEREAS, before Hurricane Laura arrived, Louisiana was already expecting a
2	budget shortfall for the next fiscal year totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and
3	WHEREAS, the strain of providing for the health and safety of its citizens while also
4	meeting the matching fund requirements for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's
5	assistance in recovering and rebuilding from Hurricane Laura could cripple our state fiscal
6	resources and infrastructure in the next few years; and
7	WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Research Service, as of early 2013, over
8	the prior twenty-four years, cost-share adjustments had been made for major disaster
9	declarations two hundred and forty-four times, including for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike,
10	Gustav, and Sandy; and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana's request to have the state matching portion of its federal
12	disaster assistance waived is not unprecedented and would provide much-needed relief to
13	a state struggling with this year's unexpected hardships.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to take
16	such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to
17	grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with Hurricane Laura
18	or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of federal funding as needed
19	matching funds if full federal funding is not provided.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United
22	States of America and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes Congress and the La. Congressional Delegation to take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with Hurricane Laura or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of federal funding as needed matching funds if full federal funding is not provided.