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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 111

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LEVEES. Memorializes Congress to reassess the entire levee and floodwall system in the southeastern United States.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the Congress of the United States to reassess the entire levee and floodwall
3	system in the southeastern United States.
4	WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recently
5	completed the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System
6	(HSDRRS) at a cost of over fourteen billion dollars; and
7	WHEREAS, the HSDRRS system is a network of levees, floodwalls, gated
8	structures, and pump stations that form the one hundred thirty-three mile Greater New
9	Orleans perimeter system, including three hundred fifty miles of interior levees and
10	floodwalls, and seventy miles of interior risk reduction structures built to protect the Greater
11	New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina; and
12	WHEREAS, the HSDRRS system is one of the largest public works projects in world
13	history, providing Greater New Orleans with the world's largest surge barrier of its kind (the
14	IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier) and the largest draining pump station in the world (the
15	GIWW-West Closure Complex); and
16	WHEREAS, even with all these recent improvements, the USACE recently reported
17	that the HSDRRS system may not be adequate to protect New Orleans in as little as four
18	years due partly to the settling of the levees a natural phenomenon that is exacerbated by

1	the soft soil in southern Louisiana; and
2	WHEREAS, the USACE, in announcing that it is studying system improvements,
3	also cited "the global incidence of sea level rise" in a recent Federal Register as a
4	contributing factor for the inadequacy of the existing levees; and
5	WHEREAS, the USACE further stated in the Federal Register that "absent future
6	levee lifts to offset consolidation, settlement, subsidence, and sea level rise, risk to life and
7	property in the Greater New Orleans area will progressively increase".
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
9	the Congress of the United States to reassess the entire levee and floodwall system in the
10	southeastern United States.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12	secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
13	Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States
14	Congress.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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