

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends Iceland for hosting the youth leadership exchange on climate and the environment and congratulates the attendees

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the government of Iceland for hosting the Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise
3 Continuum youth leadership exchange program and to congratulate the National
4 Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates for climate and
5 environmental justice for attending the event.

6 WHEREAS, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates
7 for climate and environmental justice from the coastal states of Hawaii, Mississippi, and
8 Louisiana, including Stephanie Anthony from Louisiana, will travel to Iceland this May to
9 attend the Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise Continuum youth leadership exchange
10 program; and

11 WHEREAS, the goal of the exchange program is to inspire, uplift, and build the
12 capacity of youth leadership in coastal areas of the United States to address impacts of sea
13 level rise by raising awareness and educating decision makers through experiencing Iceland,
14 being on the originating end of the sea level rise continuum which, like the coastal United
15 States, shares lush and beautiful landscapes and wildlife as well; and

16 WHEREAS, to achieve coastal community resilience, there must be meaningful local
17 participation in the statewide planning process where youth leadership is especially critical
18 as the youth are often the most vulnerable in an acute disaster and it is their future that is
19 threatened by the predictions of sea level rise; and

20 WHEREAS, with demonstrated passion and engagement in their communities, youth
21 advocates in Hawaii, Mississippi, and Louisiana have stepped up with a commitment to

1 deepening knowledge, understanding, and skills in addressing the causes of climate change
2 while building resilience to its impacts as leaders in advancing solutions; and

3 WHEREAS, through hands-on learning in the arctic ice caps that are melting, the
4 attendees will tie those experiences to the impacts of sea level rise and increased storm surge
5 in the Gulf of Mexico and Hawaii, as well as learning about the threatened species of
6 wildlife that will reinforce the bonds of our ecosystems; and

7 WHEREAS, youth leaders will continue to organize their peers to develop youth
8 driven solutions, such as presentations to elected officials, film, and photography projects
9 about their communities and their concerns, and to organize local planting projects to expand
10 their knowledge and share information about wetlands protection and restoration, sea level
11 rise, and coastal erosion.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the government of Iceland for hosting the
14 Linkages Across the Sea Level Rise Continuum youth leadership exchange program and to
15 congratulate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People delegates for
16 climate and environmental justice for attending the event.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to Stephanie Anthony and the Embassy of Iceland in Washington, D.C.

DIGEST

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