

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AND SENATOR TALBOT

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Urges and requests the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear before the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council annually to provide updates on hurricane preparedness and other matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to the start of hurricane season

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear
3 annually at the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings and provide
4 updates on hurricane preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern
5 regarding infrastructure prior to the start of hurricane season.

6 WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans operates under the 1954 Home Rule Charter;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans owns the Louis Armstrong New Orleans
9 International Airport (MSY); and

10 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Aviation Board maintains sole custody of and oversees
11 the administration, operation, and maintenance of the MSY; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Orleans Aviation Board is also part of the broader emergency
13 response efforts during hurricanes; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), when natural
15 disasters hit towns and cities, the FAA aids in preparation, response, and recovery; and

16 WHEREAS, the MSY is almost entirely situated in the city of Kenner, parish of
17 Jefferson, with the exception of a small portion of the runway that extends into the parish
18 of St. Charles; and

19 WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine struck Louisiana from September 9th through 12th,
20 2024; and

1 WHEREAS, according to the New Orleans Advocate, La-Current Online Resource,
2 Hurricane Francine caused particular devastation to Jefferson Parish and city of Kenner
3 residents; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to the Mayor of
5 Kenner, Aimee Vallot, approximately seven hundred homes in the city of Kenner took on
6 water due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time; and

7 WHEREAS, approximately seven inches of rain accumulated throughout Jefferson
8 Parish and the city of Kenner; and

9 WHEREAS, the drainage pumping systems were unable to keep up with the amount
10 of rainfall, causing street flooding and structural damage; and

11 WHEREAS, Hurricane Francine's impacts revealed the necessity for improvements
12 in communication and cooperation regarding the infrastructure at MSY, included but not
13 limited to drainage, pumping, sewerage, and sewer systems in and around MSY; and

14 WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, hurricane season begins on
15 June 1st every year; and

16 WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish council meetings are typically scheduled on the third
17 Wednesday of each month; and

18 WHEREAS, Kenner council meetings are scheduled on the first Thursday of each
19 month and the third Friday of each month; and

20 WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Councils are appropriate forums
21 for the New Orleans Aviation Board to educate the public on hurricane preparedness prior
22 to the start of hurricane season each year.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear yearly at
25 the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings to provide updates on hurricane
26 preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to
27 June 1st.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 director of the New Orleans Aviation Board.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the New Orleans Aviation Board attend the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings annually to provide updates on hurricane preparedness plans and other related matters of mutual concern regarding the infrastructure prior to June 1st.