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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission to study and to work to bring more insurers who write supplemental flood insurance coverage into the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce further flood losses; and

WHEREAS, flood damage, unlike wind damage, is not covered by homeowners' insurance policies but must be purchased separately; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance may be purchased through insurance companies and licensed insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, the maximum coverage amount for a single-family structure under NFIP is two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the state of Louisiana causing unprecedented and severe flooding and damage to the southern part of the state, devastating the lives of many citizens of the state, and causing damage or destruction of their property; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of those single-family structures which suffered damage or destruction from these recent hurricanes are valued well in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, creating a severe gap between coverage limits and the cost of repairing or replacing such homes; and

WHEREAS, greater availability and affordability of private supplemental flood insurance would have allowed owners of these single-family structures the opportunity to fully insure them; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission is charged by law with reviewing and examining the availability and affordability of property and casualty insurance in the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission to study and to work to bring more insurers who write supplemental flood insurance coverage into the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of insurance and the chairman of the Louisiana Property and Casualty Insurance Commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE