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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Urges FEMA to develop a plan for distribution of benefits after disasters

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a plan
3	for the distribution of benefits after the occurrence of a natural disaster.
4	WHEREAS, during and immediately after a hurricane or other natural disaster,
5	supplies are often difficult to obtain; and
6	WHEREAS, FEMA is the federal agency in charge of administering disaster
7	assistance when state and local resources are inadequate to respond and recover from a
8	disaster; and
9	WHEREAS, FEMA's programs include individual assistance, hazard mitigation,
10	public assistance, and housing; and
11	WHEREAS, during a disaster, the distribution of benefits can become a complicated
12	and confusing process; and
13	WHEREAS, having distribution centers which are known to the public will expedite
14	the distribution of supplies to those in need; and
15	WHEREAS, local municipalities should have sites ready and available for the
16	distribution of supplies, such as a recreational center, a school gymnasium, auditorium, or
17	other such facility that may be available; and
18	WHEREAS, these distribution centers shall have a schedule of distribution of goods,
19	in alphabetical order, according to surname, with persons arriving for supplies on certain
20	days assigned to his or her surname; and

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WHEREAS, each site shall have a separate line or lines, by alphabetical order, for

2 handicapped persons to expedite the distribution of goods to those who are most in need.

- 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Federal Emergency Management
- 5 Agency to arrange for distribution centers, with municipalities, in the event of a disaster or
- 6 other emergency, so that the distribution of supplies will be prompt and seamless.
- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 8 to the
- 9 director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

DIGEST

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Urges FEMA to work with local municipalities to arrange for distribution centers in the case of a disaster.