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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

1           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 director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DIGEST

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