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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARDY AND BILLIOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a plan for the distribution of benefits after the occurrence of a natural disaster.

WHEREAS, during and immediately after a hurricane or other natural disaster, supplies are often difficult to obtain; and

WHEREAS, FEMA is the federal agency in charge of administering disaster assistance when state and local resources are inadequate to respond and recover from a disaster; and

WHEREAS, FEMA's programs include individual assistance, hazard mitigation, public assistance, and housing; and

WHEREAS, during a disaster, the distribution of benefits can become a complicated and confusing process; and

WHEREAS, having distribution centers which are known to the public will expedite the distribution of supplies to those in need; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities should have sites ready and available for the distribution of supplies, such as a recreational center, a school gymnasium, auditorium, or other such facility that may be available; and

WHEREAS, these distribution centers shall have a schedule of distribution of goods, in alphabetical order, according to surname, with persons arriving for supplies on certain days assigned to his or her surname; and

WHEREAS, each site shall have a separate line or lines, by alphabetical order, for handicapped persons to expedite the distribution of goods to those who are most in need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Federal Emergency Management

Agency to arrange for distribution centers, with municipalities, in the event of a disaster or other emergency, so that the distribution of supplies will be prompt and seamless.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE