

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, when disasters hit towns and cities, airports play a critical role in the
15 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 magnitude of Hurricane Francine produced such heavy rainfall; the
10 equivalent of a fifty year storm; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 director of the New Orleans Aviation Board.
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DIGEST

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the original concurrent resolution:

1. Add that airports play a critical role in assisting towns and cities when disasters hit.
2. Add that the rainfall from Hurricane Francine was comparable to a fifty year storm.
3. Make technical changes.