BY SENATOR APPEL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state land office, division of administration, to amend the lease for the Bucktown Marina with the governing authority of Jefferson Parish to conform to the provisions of the Act which originated as House Bill No. 254 of this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Bucktown Marina was constructed after Hurricane Katrina and was officially open to the public January of 2012; the marina includes seventy boat slips and many amenities, such as lake access, a paved entrance and parking, landscaping, decorative lighting, a promenade walkway, and benches; and

WHEREAS, the marina is located on state water bottoms, so the parish entered into a lease with the state land office that required the parish to follow state laws in effect at the time for any subleases, including those for boat slips, which require the parish to publicly advertise the proposed sublease, solicit bidders, and award the sublease to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, many of the boat slips remain unleased partially due to the cumbersome sublease process; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 254 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature was finally passed, an act that provided that subleases of boat slips at the Bucktown Marina in Jefferson Parish are on a first-come, first-served basis for fair market value as determined by an appraiser, and that the rates for and availability of such slips shall be published in the official journal of the parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state land office, division of administration, to amend the lease for the Bucktown Marina with governing authority of Jefferson Parish to conform to the provisions of the Act which originated as House Bill No. 254 of this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature.