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URGING AND REQUESTING EVERY MEMBER OF LOUISIANA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE COASTAL RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT THROUGH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CREST) PROGRAM HOUSED AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE TO ENSURE CONTINUED FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and its major cities such as Baton Rouge have a direct interest in successful restoration of Louisiana's coast, due to the economic costs and disruptions from hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, a successful coastal restoration and protection effort requires a strong science component; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology (CREST) Program was established in 2001 as a cooperative effort to supply the latest research and techniques in coastal restoration for state and local managers, officials, and policymakers; and

WHEREAS, 11 universities in Louisiana joined together in the CREST Program as a joint effort, and the program is housed at Louisiana State University's Baton Rouge Campus; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program has been funded as an annual add-on to the budget of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is thus extremely vulnerable in its support;

THEREFORE, the East Baton Rouge Metro Council expresses its support for the CREST Program and urges Senators Landrieu and Vitter, Representative Cassidy, and Louisiana's entire Congressional Delegation to work with their colleagues in the U.S. Congress and with NOAA to ensure continued funding of this important program.