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*Dr. Nancy Rabalais, Executive Director
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and Technology (CREST)
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Dear Dr. Rabalais:

Enclosed please find a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No.21 which I have been instructed to forward to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*Glenn Koepf
Secretary of the Senate*

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Enclosure

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR DUPRE



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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express support for the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology program for its important work in ensuring sustainable and productive coastal habitats and communities.

WHEREAS, the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology (CREST) program was established in 2001 as an alliance of academic institutions within southern Louisiana and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, members of CREST include Louisiana State University, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Loyola University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Southern University at New Orleans, Tulane University, University of Louisiana Lafayette, University of New Orleans, and the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, one of CREST's aims is to help policymakers, planners and coastal resource managers use the latest science and best technologies to ensure sustainable and productive coastal habitats and communities; and

WHEREAS, CREST pursues this goal by supporting applied research in innovative and practical technologies to meet the urgent need for coastal restoration, and is designed to capitalize on the high concentration of restoration professionals employed by agencies and universities in our state and region; and

WHEREAS, CREST seeks to develop new tools and refine existing techniques for coastal restoration in Louisiana and Mississippi, to provide social and economic information of direct use to managers and planners in coastal restoration, and to support the development of new concepts and approaches for future restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, CREST works to support a new generation of restoration scientists by funding students working in restoration science and engineering; and

WHEREAS, CREST is included in the federal budget only as an earmark and is highly vulnerable to loss of its funding; and

WHEREAS, research funded by CREST has helped to improve barrier island restoration, marsh terracing, and re-vegetation techniques, to develop water and sediment budget needed for sustaining the Chenier Plain, and to understand the effects of hurricane Katrina on the marsh areas below the Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express support for the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology program for its important work in ensuring sustainable and productive coastal habitats and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology program and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES