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WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina damaged over 200,000 Gulf Coast homes; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina destroyed schools, hospitals, roads, community centers, bridges, parks, and forest lands; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's response to this unprecedented disaster has been ineffective and weak; and

WHEREAS, 101,000 Louisianans have applied for aid to rebuild their homes, and several thousand people have received grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, when the United States faced a crisis, our country created 800,000 jobs in two weeks, and more than 4 million jobs in two months; and

WHEREAS, Public workers in projects such as the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression built or repaired 2,500 hospitals, 6,000 schools, 13,000 playgrounds, and built the Golden Gate Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the neglect of the Gulf Coast after the impact of Hurricane Katrina is a tragedy that requires the attention of every American, regardless of party affiliation or state residence; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature supports the passage of federal legislation based on the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project, a national effort to create 100,000 jobs for Gulf Coast residents to rebuild their communities; and be it further

Resolved, That a WPA-like project for the Gulf Coast will rebuild homes and shattered lives, and will restore faith in our federal government; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States and President of the United States urging their support in passing this federal legislation.