

## **RESOLUTION**

### **2008-R-05**

A resolution to stand with the Louisiana Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4, in its fight to attain a proportionate share of recognition, research and resources, to construct projects that will work to sustain a critical part of America's Wetland along the Gulf of Mexico.

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 has not received a proportionate share of monies from its State and Federal partners, when it comes to protection and restoration of our wetlands and our shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the sediment once received from the Mississippi River to naturally build our chenier ridges has been altered leaving them vulnerable to the erosive forces of the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the marsh estuaries of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 serve as a nursery ground to marine organisms (shrimp, crab and fish), furbearers, reptiles, waterfowl and a host of other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2010 Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 will host four of the Nation's Liquefied Natural Gas Plants and the Internationally known Henry Hub site, which services over 25% of the Nation's gas supply; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana 2050 Plan identifies clear restoration strategies to address coastal wetland loss which has garnered local support for implementation in Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 that will successfully help sustain the marshes and shorelines of the Calcasieu-Sabine, Mermentau and Teche-Vermilion Basins; and

WHEREAS, protecting and restoring our coastline and wetlands will help serve as a buffer zone to high tides and hurricanes for the Parishes north of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 need one strong voice promoting legislation, programs and projects needed to sustain our coastal shoreline and wetlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, that this body invites other surrounding Parishes, state and federal elected officials, and public and private entities to stand with Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4 in its fight to attain a proportionate share of recognition, research and

resources to construct projects that will work to sustain a critical part of America's Wetlands along the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury encourages surrounding Parishes, state and federal elected officials, and public entities and private businesses to pass this resolution so that we may stand as one voice in our efforts to protect and restore Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3B and 4.

ADOPTED on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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I, Chris P. Theriot, Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury at their meeting held on February 19, 2008, at which a quorum was present and acting.

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Chris P. Theriot  
Administrator/Secretary-Treasurer  
Vermilion Parish Police Jury