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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 84

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BENNETT, CIESLA, Palaia, Kyrillos, Scott, Singer
and Lynch

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** requesting the United States Congress to restore
2 funding for ongoing shore protection projects in New Jersey.
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4 **WHEREAS**, The Clinton Administration has not included \$2,400,000 in its FY
5 1998 budget request for ongoing shoreline studies under the New Jersey
6 Shore Protection Program undertaken by the United States Army Corps
7 of Engineers; and
8 **WHEREAS**, The funding of these studies is critical to accomplishing shore
9 protection programs on schedule and reducing the impacts of erosion and
10 storms on New Jersey's beaches and coastal communities; and
11 **WHEREAS**, The elimination of federal funding would effectively cancel the
12 comprehensive beach restoration projects needed by coastal communities
13 to protect lives and property; and
14 **WHEREAS**, The elimination of shore protection projects and the resultant
15 damages would severely impact the economic base of New Jersey's
16 coastal tourism industry, with a corresponding dramatic reduction in tax
17 revenues, not only to the State of New Jersey but also to the federal
18 government; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Shore protection has demonstrated an enormous return on public
20 investment, with significant economic and sociological benefits to coastal
21 states and the nation as a whole; and
22 **WHEREAS**, Without federal funding participation, neither coastal communities
23 nor the State of New Jersey can independently afford to fund a shore
24 protection program comparable to that proposed by the Army Corps of
25 Engineers; and
26 **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey has agreed to match the funding
27 requirements of the federal program, and has formally requested, through
28 the Maritime Advisory Council in the New Jersey Department of

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹ Senate SEN committee amendments adopted May 8, 1997.

1 Commerce and Economic Development, that the reduced federal funds be
2 restored to the FY 1998 budget; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress has, for the past two years, strongly
4 opposed the Administration's new shore protection policy and has restored
5 the proposed funding reductions each year; now, therefore,

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7 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey*:

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9 1. The Congress of the United States is hereby requested to restore in full
10 the \$2,400,000 reduction in federal shore protection funding proposed in the
11 President's FY 1998 budget request.

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13 2. Duly authenticated copies of this ~~1~~[concurrent]₁ resolution, signed by the
14 President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, shall be
15 transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
16 United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of
17 the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, the
18 respective Chairpersons of the Subcommittees on Energy and Water
19 Development in the United States Senate and the United States House of
20 Representatives, each member of the United States Congress elected from the
21 State of New Jersey, the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps
22 of Engineers, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of
23 Environmental Protection.

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28 Requests U.S. Congress to restore shore protection funding in federal FY
29 1998 budget.