

House Resolution 51

By: Representatives Thomas of the 100th, Buckner of the 130th, Ashe of the 56th, Gardner of the 57th, Henson of the 87th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Board of Natural Resources to refrain from adopting any rule that would weaken
2 protections of coastal salt marshlands against development; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a proposed rule is before the Board of Natural Resources this week that will
4 make development along our precious coastal salt marshlands much less expensive for the
5 developers but at an enormous cost to the environmental quality of this vital area of our state;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, such proposal has been prompted by a tiny group of developers and their
8 lawyers and lobbyist at the expense of everyone else in this state, including generations to
9 follow; and such a rule would be a gross abuse of the trust that the people of this state placed
10 in our state government as stewards of this irreplaceable resource; and

11 WHEREAS, we have protected these salt marshlands by strong legislation since 1970, and
12 the growing popularity of our coast as a place to visit and live makes it ever more important
13 that the salt marsh be strongly protected.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body strongly urge the members of the Board of Natural Resources to
16 refrain from adopting any rule to benefit a tiny group of developers, which rule would be
17 highly destructive of coastal salt marshlands in this state, because the financial savings such
18 persons would realize by such action are trivial and fleeting when compared to the immense
19 value of these lands to this state and its people.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit forthwith a copy of this resolution to the Board of Natural Resources.