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LOUISIANA HOUSING RELIEF FUND

State Representative Cedric Richmond, Chair, and the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus authored an amendment to House Bill 156 that created the “Louisiana Housing Relief Fund” which is dedicated to helping displaced citizens rebuild their homes. From the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, \$35 million in their surplus fund has been dedicated to providing decent, safe affordable housing for individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In a special session where none of the call items dealt with the pressing issues of displaced citizens such as housing initiatives, families, working people and a plan to bring citizens back home, this is a positive step towards addressing the needs of the constituency legislators represent that have been adversely affected by the hurricanes.