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WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon (LA-03) made the following statement today on a federal judge's decision that the Army Corps of Engineers was responsible for flooding in St. Bernard Parish after Hurricane Katrina. Yesterday, U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval Jr. ruled that the Corps' mismanagement of maintenance of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet ("MRGO") was directly responsible for the devastating flood that severely damaged or destroyed as many as 100,000 homes and businesses in St. Bernard.

"The people of St. Bernard have worked steadfastly for over four years to recover what they lost in Katrina. Through pure grit and determination, they have rebuilt their homes and communities, and their strength of spirit is an inspiration to us all. I am hopeful the federal government will work for a quick resolution to this case, so these resilient citizens can close this horrible chapter and move on with their lives."

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