

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to complete the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.

WHEREAS, the flooding of August 2016 was declared a state and national disaster resulting in the loss of life and destruction of property; and

WHEREAS, the Comite River Diversion Canal Project remains incomplete twenty-five years after its authorization and if completed could have substantially reduced flood stages by as much as five feet and mitigated the devastation caused by the floods; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$117 million of local, state, and federal funding has been invested in the project; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana anticipates receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of the flood and the national declaration of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the flood of 2016 has shown the urgent need to complete the project as a means to protect life and property in the future as citizens impacted by the flood rebuild their homes and lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to complete the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to authorize the use of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to complete the construction of an authorized United States Army Corps of Engineers project under the current emergency rules and circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE