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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 307

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

WATERWAYS/RIVERS: Memorializes congress to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding to the United
3 States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen
4 the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet.

5 WHEREAS, deepening of the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet is a
6 historic infrastructure project that is vital to our nation's economic prosperity; and

7 WHEREAS, the expansion of the Panama Canal has made it imperative to improve
8 access on the Mississippi River for larger Post-Panamax ships for export and import of
9 goods; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the state of Louisiana
11 desire deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet; and

12 WHEREAS, the project is approved and awaiting federal funding; and

13 WHEREAS, thirty-one states will receive economic benefits by the enhanced water
14 carrying capacity of the Mississippi River Ship Channel, also known as the gateway to
15 America's Heartland; and

16 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Ship Channel and tributaries currently account
17 for seven hundred fifty billion dollars of the nation's economy and two million four hundred
18 thousand jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, each new additional foot of water draft will account for an additional
20 one million dollars in cargo on a vessel.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes
2 the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding to the United States Army
3 Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen the Mississippi
4 River Ship Channel to fifty feet.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
6 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
7 Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress,
8 the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the commander of the United States
9 Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, and the governor.

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