2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 243

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, MARTINEZ, AND SAWYER

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests that the parish governing authorities surrounding the Tickfaw River place safety warning signage on the river

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request that the parish governing authorities surrounding the Tickfaw River erect safety warning signage on the Tickfaw River.

WHEREAS, the Tickfaw River is a one hundred thirteen mile long river that flows from southwest Mississippi through southeast Louisiana, emptying into Lake Maurepas; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no parish governing authority signs erected for the safety of boaters on the Tickfaw River; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, a single vessel incident occurred on the Tickfaw River when the vessel attempted to turn from the Natalbany River into the Tickfaw River but struck the west bank of the Tickfaw River; and

WHEREAS, two injuries were reported and contributing factors were careless and reckless operation and operator inattention; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2023, another a single vessel incident occurred on the Tickfaw River when the vessel attempted to turn at a high rate of speed but lost control, traveling into the trees and coming to rest on its side; and

WHEREAS, two injuries were reported and contributing factors were excessive speed, a rules of the road violation, and operator inexperience; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2024, there was a fatal two-boat collision on the Tickfaw River near Kings Point in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, which resulted in two deaths and six injuries; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2024, a two vessel incident occurred on the Tickfaw River when vessel one was headed upstream on the Tickfaw River struck vessel two, headed downstream and contributing factors were a rules of the road violation, sharp turn, and operator inattention; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, a single vessel incident occurred on the Tickfaw River, when the vessel attempted to turn from the Natalbany River into the Tickfaw River but struck a tree on the bank of the Tickfaw River; and

WHEREAS, no injuries were reported and a contributing factor was careless and reckless operation; and

WHEREAS, a total of thirteen boating incidents occurred on the Tickfaw River from 2020 to 2025, resulting in two fatalities and eighteen injuries, with various contributing factors; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, there is a necessity to erect safety warning signage on the Tickfaw River as a means of making boaters aware of potential hazards on the river.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the parish governing authorities surrounding the Tickfaw River to erect safety warning signage on the Tickfaw River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presidents of the parish governing authorities surrounding the Tickfaw River.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Change the applicability of the resolution from the Department of Transportation and Development to the parish governing authorities surrounding the Tickfaw River for purposes of erecting safety warning signage on the Tickfaw River.