

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

FEDERAL PROGRAMS: Memorializes the United States Congress to complete the Comite River Diversion Project

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to authorize

1 the use of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to complete the construction of an
2 authorized United States Army Corps of Engineers project under the current emergency rules
3 and circumstances.

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

DIGEST

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Memorializes Congress to authorize the use of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to be used for the completion of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project and to take action in an effort to complete the project.