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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

FLOODING: Memorializes the United States Congress to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest
3	in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure
4	projects in the Amite River Basin.
5	WHEREAS, rainfall from hurricanes, tropical storm events, and local storms still
6	pose a significant risk to the communities, ecosystems, and industries in the Amite River
7	Basin; and
8	WHEREAS, in August 2016, catastrophic flooding occurred in the Amite River
9	Basin, as well as other areas of the state, due to heavy rains from a slow-moving
10	low-pressure weather system; and
11	WHEREAS, rainfall exceeded twenty inches over a forty-eight hour period across
12	a swath of East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and St. Helen Parishes and exceeded the five
13	hundred year storm level causing impacts to the nation's critical infrastructure by shutting
14	both the I-10 and I-12 interstate systems for several days; and
15	WHEREAS, while flooding in the Amite River Basin has undoubtedly always been
16	an issue, studies beginning in the 20th century have documented significant basin flood
17	events in 1921, 1928, 1942, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1983,
18	1985, 1990, 1993, 1994, 2001, 2008, and of course the 2016 floods; and
19	WHEREAS, the 1979 flood was the flood of record in the Amite River Basin until
20	the April 1983 flood, which was in turn eclipsed by the August 2016 flood; and

1 WHEREAS, the Amite River Basin hydraulically connects parts of eight parishes: 2 Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, and St. 3 James Parishes, and a small portion of St. John the Baptist Parish; and 4 WHEREAS, the parishes in the Amite River Basin continue to suffer from riverine flooding and the people who call the Amite River Basin area home deserve protection for 5 6 their homes and business. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such 9 actions as are necessary to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and 10 drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 12 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the

13 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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