

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Amite River Basin Commission to study, in consultation with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, tidal surge flood protection and erosion on Lake Maurepas' Livingston Parish shoreline, dredging of the Amite River, and dredging of the Amite River confluence area at Lake Maurepas and to assess the cumulative effect of levees, pumps, and other flood protection measures in surrounding parishes on Livingston Parish.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is committed to increasing community and regional resilience to flooding by managing, mitigating, and adapting to future flood risk; and

WHEREAS, communities are hydraulically and hydrologically connected within the bounds of a watershed and decisions made in one portion of a watershed will impact floodplains in other portions of the same watershed; and

WHEREAS, flood control measures in surrounding parishes may be affecting the watershed in Livingston Parish; and

WHEREAS, studies should be conducted to assess the cumulative effect of levees, pumps, and other flood protection measures in surrounding parishes on Livingston Parish; however, such studies shall, to the extent possible, avoid duplication of effort by utilizing and coordinating with other study groups already completed or being performed by other entities; and

WHEREAS, Livingston Parish is a dynamic watershed with numerous rivers, creeks, and bayous that intersect and flow south ultimately draining into Lake Maurepas through the Amite River; and

WHEREAS, drainage of the Amite River may be helped by efforts to dredge the Amite River and the Amite River confluence area at Lake Maurepas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Amite River Basin Commission to study, in consultation with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, tidal surge flood protection and erosion on Lake Maurepas' Livingston Parish shoreline, dredging of the Amite River, and dredging of the Amite River confluence area at Lake Maurepas and to assess the cumulative effect of levees, pumps, and other flood protection measures in surrounding parishes on Livingston Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amite River Basin Commission shall submit a written report to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the Legislature of Louisiana detailing its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Amite River Basin Commission and the chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES