

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

WATERWAYS: Memorializes the U.S. Congress to support the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, including the amendment to review recreational hazards at the banks of the Mississippi River in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the United States Congress to support the Water Resources Development
3 Act of 2022, including Congressman Troy Carter's amendment to review recreational
4 hazards along the banks of the Mississippi River, in order to protect lives by alerting
5 the public to dangerous conditions on the river and riverbank.

6 WHEREAS, three children tragically lost their lives in Algiers on April 23, 2022;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, 8-year-old Ally Wilson, 14-year-old Brandy Wilson, and 15-year-old
9 Kevin Poole went missing while playing on the bank of the Mississippi River near the
10 Crescent City Connection and are believed to have been taken by the strong current of the
11 river; and

12 WHEREAS, this devastating tragedy has called attention to the dangers posed by
13 open access to the banks of the Mississippi River and the lack of safety measures and
14 warning signs cautioning the public against hazards along the riverbank and dangerous river
15 conditions; and

16 WHEREAS, the New Orleans City Council unanimously passed a resolution
17 directing several government agencies to take all necessary steps to install warning signs in
18 the area where these children accessed the river; and

19 WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering the Water Resources and
20 Development Act of 2022 (WRDA), a bill passed by every session of Congress that

1 authorizes and funds the activities of the United States Army Corps of Engineers relative to
2 flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration; and

3 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River levee system is under the jurisdiction of the
4 United States Army Corps of Engineers and the banks of the Mississippi River can be
5 regulated through legislation under WRDA; and

6 WHEREAS, on May 18, 2022, Congressman Troy Carter of Louisiana was able to
7 add an amendment to the United States House of Representatives version of WRDA,
8 introduced as H.R. 7776 of the 117th Congress, which would require the United States Army
9 Corps of Engineers to review potential threats to human life and safety from recreational
10 areas at the banks of the Mississippi River in Louisiana and to install signage and other
11 measures at such recreational areas necessary to alert the public of hazardous water
12 conditions or to otherwise minimize or eliminate any identified threats to human life and
13 safety; and

14 WHEREAS, these efforts by the City of New Orleans and Congressman Troy Carter
15 have the potential to save lives and prevent the type of tragic loss experienced by the Wilson
16 and Poole families, and the Algiers community, this spring.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to support the
19 Water Resources Development Act of 2022, including Congressman Troy Carter's
20 amendment to review recreational hazards along the banks of the Mississippi River, in order
21 to protect lives by alerting the public to dangerous conditions on the river and riverbank.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 presiding officers of the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, and to each
24 member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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