

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin.

WHEREAS, rainfall from hurricanes, tropical storm events, and local storms still pose a significant risk to the communities, ecosystems, and industries in the Amite River Basin; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, catastrophic flooding occurred in the Amite River Basin, as well as other areas of the state, due to heavy rains from a slow-moving low-pressure weather system; and

WHEREAS, rainfall exceeded twenty inches over a forty-eight hour period across a swath of East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and St. Helen Parishes and exceeded the five hundred year storm level causing impacts to the nation's critical infrastructure by shutting both the I-10 and I-12 interstate systems for several days; and

WHEREAS, while flooding in the Amite River Basin has undoubtedly always been an issue, studies beginning in the 20th century have documented significant basin flood events in 1921, 1928, 1942, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1962, 1964, 1967, 1973, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1990, 1993, 1994, 2001, 2008, and of course the 2016 floods; and

WHEREAS, the 1979 flood was the flood of record in the Amite River Basin until the April 1983 flood, which was in turn eclipsed by the August 2016 flood; and

WHEREAS, the Amite River Basin hydraulically connects parts of eight parishes: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, and St. James Parishes, and a small portion of St. John the Baptist Parish; and

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 their homes and business.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to invest in hurricane storm damage reduction, flood protection, and drainage infrastructure projects in the Amite River Basin.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES