

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To commend All Hands Volunteers and the groups that worked under its direction in response to the Louisiana floods in the parishes of Washington and St. Tammany.

WHEREAS, All Hands Volunteers is a nonprofit organization that addresses the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disasters by engaging and leveraging volunteers, partner organizations, and local communities; and

WHEREAS, a strong upper level storm system caused severe thunderstorms across the state of Louisiana from March 9 through March 12, 2016; thousands of homes were damaged by widespread flooding; and

WHEREAS, All Hands Volunteers, along with several groups under its direction, has been working diligently in the parishes of Washington and St. Tammany to help flood victims return to their homes; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer groups that joined All Hands Volunteers and worked under its direction include: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Corps Groups Green Five, Blue One, and Silver Six, from Baton Rouge; AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Groups: Silver One from Sacramento, California and Moose Two, Moose Five, and Buffalo Three, from Baltimore, Maryland; Reach Out WorldWide; the New Orleans Bartenders Guild; Recess Dance Group; Perdido Baptist Church; Project Save Bogalusa; Loop, LLC; United Way; and Bogalusa fire station; and

WHEREAS, All Hands Volunteers and the groups that worked under its direction merit a sincere measure of commendation for helping the parishes of Washington and St. Tammany recover and rebuild after the Louisiana floods in March of 2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend All Hands Volunteers and the groups that worked under its direction in response to the Louisiana floods in the parishes of Washington and St. Tammany and does hereby express enduring gratitude to All Hands Volunteers and to all volunteers for their noble efforts to improve the lives and fortunes of the citizens of Washington Parish and St. Tammany Parish in their time of need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sherry Buresh, director of All Hands Volunteers.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES