

1 and impaired economic growth in communities across this state; and

2 WHEREAS, the Comite River Diversion Canal Project in southeastern Louisiana is
3 a long-standing federal and state flood mitigation project designed to reduce flood damages
4 for residents and property owners; and

5 WHEREAS, since 2016, the project has made measurable progress toward
6 completion, representing a significant step toward long-term flood risk reduction for
7 communities in and around East Baton Rouge Parish, however, Louisiana homeowners,
8 renters, farmers, and businesses continue to face severe increases in property and flood
9 insurance premiums; and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has indicated
11 once the project is fifty percent completed, they can begin redrawing flood maps in a way
12 that shows the project is finished, resulting in lowered insurance rates for tens of thousands
13 of people who live within the Basin; and

14 WHEREAS, it has been publicly reported that FEMA estimates that the fifty percent
15 threshold for project completion will be met in the summer of 2027, and by 2028 should
16 eliminate or reduce flood insurance premiums in advance of the project being completed;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, recognition of substantial completion benchmarks, including
19 approximately fifty percent completion of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project, should
20 support updated risk modeling, mitigation recognition, improved affordability, and future
21 premium relief.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 memorialize the Congress of the United States to take necessary action to stabilize and
24 reduce insurance costs for Louisiana residents and businesses impacted by flood risk,
25 including through federal recognition of measurable flood-risk reduction associated with
26 major mitigation infrastructure.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
28 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of
29 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation of the United States
30 Congress.

