



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, despite significant progress toward long-term flood risk reduction and  
6 completion of the project since 2016, Louisiana homeowners, renters, farmers, and  
7 businesses continue to face severe increases in property and flood insurance premiums; and

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

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

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

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

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

