

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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RECREATION: Recognizes the Manchac Swamp Greenway for its potential to serve as a cultural asset and economic engine

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize the Manchac Greenway for its potential to serve as a cultural asset and
3 economic engine for the state of Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, for years, U.S. Highway 51 served the public for travel, hunting,
5 fishing, boating, bicycling, culture, hiking, wildlife viewing, canoeing, sightseeing, and
6 access to the surrounding wetlands; and

7 WHEREAS, the Manchac Greenway is a public access project of the Lake
8 Ponchartrain Basin Foundation geared toward converting the old Highway 51 into a
9 recreation trail; and

10 WHEREAS, the creation of the Manchac Greenway through the swamps and
11 marshes between LaPlace and Ponchatoula is a local, citizen-led effort; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Manchac Greenway involves the cooperation and assistance of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation, federal, state, parish, and municipal governments and agencies, faculty members and students from Southeastern Louisiana University, and businesses and other interested groups; and

WHEREAS, the Manchac Greenway shall enhance the aforementioned features of
former U.S. Highway 51 with a formally designated Greenway using new signage, scheduled
patrols and other safety features, and selective vegetation management emphasizing native
plants; and

1 WHEREAS, the Manchac Greenway will also feature the creation of accessible
2 fishing piers, improved boating, fishing, and canoeing access, and shelters and picnic areas;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Manchac Greenway will include designated biking and running
5 routes, walking trails, and park spaces; and interpretive historical and information displays
6 and a marketing effort directed to tourists; and

7 WHEREAS, all of these features will allow the Greenway to reach its fullest
8 potential as an important recreational asset to the community, a regional tourist destination,
9 and a bridge between the River and Florida parishes.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 recognize the Manchac Greenway for its potential to serve as a cultural asset and economic
12 engine for the state of Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the executive director of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation.

DIGEST

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