

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the creation of the Manchac Greenway through the swamps and 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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE