**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON TO COMPLETE THE SPRING STREET/FISHBURNE STREET/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 DRAINAGE BASIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Spring Street/Fishburne Street/United States Highway 17 drainage basin encompasses approximately five hundred acres, or about twenty percent of the City of Charleston, South Carolina peninsula; and

Whereas, the area drained by this basin is of local, state, and national concerns as it serves businesses, schools, hospitals, and neighborhoods as well as United States Highway 17, a major hurricane evacuation route; and

Whereas, existing drainage facilities which discharge into the Ashley River provide less than six percent of the required capacity, and as such, these facilities are not adequate to manage the collection, conveyance, and drainage of storm water runoff; and

Whereas, critical improvements are needed to mitigate the serious effects of frequent and disruptive flooding to the residents, businesses, schools, and services in this area; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston has developed a Master Drainage and Floodplain Management Plan, and has determined that the Spring Street/Fishburne Street/United States Highway 17 Drainage Basin improvements have the highest priority of any unstarted project in this plan; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston has determined that the cost of constructing a collection, conveyance, and discharge system that will adequately serve this area will total approximately one hundred thirty million dollars; and

Whereas, the City of Charleston critically needs federal and state funding to assist in matching city funds for the construction of this project. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina memorialize the United States Congress to appropriate the funds necessary to allow the State of South Carolina and the City of Charleston to complete the Spring Street/Fishburne Street/United States Highway 17 Drainage Basin Improvements Project located in the City of Charleston, South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation.

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