

By: Representatives Ford (54th), Denton,
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES ARMY
2 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE
3 MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BOARD AND THE YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE
4 BOARD TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE YAZOO
5 BACKWATER PUMP PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6 WHEREAS, the historic 2019 Backwater Flood inundated 548,000
7 acres in the Yazoo Backwater Area in Mississippi, including
8 231,000 acres (856 square miles) of crop land, 686 homes and three
9 highways with flood water, and because of this catastrophic event,
10 it is incredibly imperative that the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project
11 be completed as soon as possible; and

12 WHEREAS, the Yazoo Backwater Area (the "South Delta")
13 comprises approximately 1,550 square miles of alluvial valley in
14 the lower Yazoo Basin of Mississippi, encompassing the area south
15 of the line between Hollandale and Belzoni, east of the Mainline
16 Mississippi River Levee and west of the Yazoo River Levee; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to the residents, farmers, homes and
18 other infrastructure and the economy being devastated during this
19 traumatic flood in the South Delta, the wildlife, trees and



20 environment were also tremendously devastated due to the
21 incredible flood water; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi lost an entire year of crop
23 production on 231,000 acres and lost all the small trees on
24 317,000 acres of woods as a result of the unprecedented Yazoo
25 backwater flooding, and many residents are under extreme financial
26 and mental hardship trying to rebuild their properties and homes;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, completion of the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project would
29 greatly help in preventing future destruction and devastating
30 flooding to lands, citizens, wildlife and trees in the Yazoo
31 Backwater Area; and

32 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to care for the
33 safety and wellbeing of all Mississippians, especially during
34 times of great catastrophe such as the historic 2019 Backwater
35 Flood:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
37 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
38 THEREIN, That we do hereby request the U.S. Army Corps of
39 Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Mississippi
40 Levee Board and the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board to take
41 all necessary actions to complete the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project
42 as soon as possible.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to the United States Army Corps of Engineers,



45 Environmental Protection Agency, Mississippi Levee Board,
46 Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board, Mississippi Congressional
47 Delegation, and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

