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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Flood mitigation projects across Texas have been
2 hindered by lengthy delays in the approval of funding from the
3 Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of
4 Homeland Security; and

5 WHEREAS, An application to FEMA's Flood Mitigation
6 Assistance grant program was submitted for the Combes Lateral
7 Drainage Improvement project in February 2024; FEMA issued a notice
8 of selection for funding, and the Texas Water Development Board
9 proceeded to address all pre-award items by November 2024; however,
10 despite meeting the requirements thus far, the project has not yet
11 received final approval for funding; most recently, FEMA has
12 submitted the application to DHS for approval, but the agencies
13 have neglected to provide a timeline for the completion of that
14 process; and

15 WHEREAS, Another Flood Mitigation Assistance application was
16 submitted for the North Main Drainage Improvement project in April
17 2025, yet over the past three months, FEMA has failed to issue a
18 notice of funding selections or even offer an expected timeline for
19 a decision; and

20 WHEREAS, While these projects are largely focused on drainage
21 infrastructure, they reflect the broader challenges that Texas
22 communities face in accessing timely and reliable support from
23 federal agencies; obstacles to funding prevent the completion of
24 projects that would protect the lives and property of residents,

1 especially those who live in flood-prone areas; and

2 WHEREAS, Delays in the approval of funding from FEMA and DHS
3 have left countless citizens vulnerable to life-threatening and
4 destructive floods, and the federal government must take immediate
5 action to avoid further harm; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas,
7 2nd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Department of
8 Homeland Security to expedite the approval of all Federal Emergency
9 Management Agency applications for flood mitigation projects in
10 Texas; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
12 copies of this resolution to the secretary of the Department of
13 Homeland Security and to the administrator of the Federal Emergency
14 Management Agency.