

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois benefits from the revenues
3 and economic activity of countless businesses and public
4 utilities that rely on flood control structures to protect
5 individuals and property from the ravages of the Illinois,
6 Kaskaskia, Mississippi, and Ohio rivers; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois benefits from improved
8 public health and quality of life for its citizens due to
9 well-drained land and to access to marinas that offer
10 waterborne recreational activities; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Missouri benefits from hundreds of
12 miles of navigable waterways and waterborne commerce on the
13 Illinois, Kaskaskia, Mississippi, and Ohio rivers; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois General
18 Assembly supports strengthening flood control structures to a
19 common level of protection to improve the safety and
20 well-being of the State's citizens, wildlife sanctuaries, and
21 economic assets; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly endorses the
23 federally-funded Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan
24 that is to develop recommendations for systemic flood
25 protection and for coordinating the varied uses of the
26 Illinois and Mississippi rivers; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly supports
28 maintaining the current Missouri River Water Control Plan
29 that allows for the greatest protection from floods in
30 southwestern Illinois, adequate navigation service levels on
31 the Mississippi, ample supplies of hydropower, recreation in

1 and along the river and its reservoirs and habitat for
2 numerous species; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly encourages
4 modernization of the navigation locks and dams on the
5 Illinois, Kaskaskia and Mississippi rivers to maintain the
6 Midwest's position in global markets and to facilitate
7 movement of commodities that produce energy (coal, oil),
8 build the foundations of communities (cement), and protect
9 Midwestern communities from extreme weather conditions (salt
10 to melt snow, petroleum when trucks could not haul enough to
11 meet shortages), and to facilitate movement of recreational
12 boaters over the rivers; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 sent to the President of the United States, the Speaker of
15 the United States House of Representatives, the President of
16 the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois
17 congressional delegation.