

1 HOUSE 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 access to marinas that offer waterborne  
10 recreational activities; and

11 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 the members of the House of Representatives support  
18 strengthening flood control structures to a common level of  
19 protection to improve the safety and well-being of the  
20 State's citizens, wildlife sanctuaries, and economic assets;  
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the members of the Illinois House of  
23 Representatives support the federally-funded Upper  
24 Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan that is to develop  
25 recommendations for systematic flood protection and for  
26 coordinating the varied uses of the Illinois and Mississippi  
27 rivers; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois needs to encourage  
29 the modernization of the navigation locks and dams on the  
30 Illinois, Kaskaskia, and Mississippi rivers to maintain the  
31 Midwest's position in global markets and to facilitate

1 movement of commodities that produce energy, such as coal and  
2 oil, build the foundations of communities, and protect  
3 Midwestern communities from extreme weather conditions, and  
4 to facilitate movement of recreational boaters on the rivers;  
5 and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker  
8 of the United States House of Representatives, the President  
9 of the United States Senate, and each member of the Illinois  
10 Congressional delegation.