

## 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 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 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.