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1                   HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
2       BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE RESOLUTION  
3                   BY CHAIRPERSON KLEMME)  
4 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States  
5       Congress provide funding for the modernization of  
6       lock and dam infrastructure on the Upper Mississippi  
7       and Illinois Rivers Inland Waterways Transportation  
8       System.  
9       WHEREAS, over 360 miles of the Upper Mississippi  
10      River and 11 navigation locks and dams are contained  
11      on the border of or in the state of Iowa; and  
12      WHEREAS, there are approximately 70 manufacturing  
13      facilities, terminals, and docks on the waterways of  
14      Iowa, providing thousands of jobs in this state; and  
15      WHEREAS, the construction of the lock and dam  
16      system has spurred economic growth and a higher  
17      standard of living in the Mississippi and Illinois  
18      river basin, and today supplies more than 300 million  
19      tons of the nation's cargo, supporting more than  
20      400,000 jobs, including 90,000 in manufacturing; and  
21      WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of American  
22      agricultural exports including corn, wheat, and  
23      soybeans are shipped down the Mississippi and Illinois  
24      rivers to foreign markets; and  
25      WHEREAS, Iowa agricultural producers, industry, and  
26      consumers rely on efficient transportation to remain  
27      competitive in a global economy, with efficiencies in  
28      river transport offsetting higher costs compared to  
29      those incurred by foreign competitors; and  
30      WHEREAS, the Upper Mississippi and Illinois lock

1 and dam system annually saves our nation more than  
2 \$1.5 billion in higher transportation costs; and

3 WHEREAS, approximately 17 million tons of  
4 commodities and products including grain, coal,  
5 chemicals, and aggregates are annually shipped to,  
6 from, and within Iowa by barge, representing \$2.7  
7 billion in value; and

8 WHEREAS, shippers moving by barge in Iowa realize  
9 an annual savings of approximately \$170 million  
10 compared to other transportation modes; and

11 WHEREAS, Iowa docks ship commodities and products  
12 by barge to 14 states and receive commodities and  
13 products from 18 states; and

14 WHEREAS, river transportation is the most  
15 environmentally benign form of transporting  
16 commodities and products, creating minimal levels of  
17 noise pollution, and emitting 35 to 60 percent fewer  
18 pollutants than trucks or trains, according to the  
19 United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

20 WHEREAS, decreasing river transport capacity would  
21 add millions of trucks and railcars to our nation's  
22 transportation infrastructure, dramatically increasing  
23 air pollution, traffic congestion, and highway  
24 maintenance costs; and

25 WHEREAS, lakes and wildlife refuge created by the  
26 lock and dam system provide habitat and breeding  
27 grounds for migratory waterfowl and fish; and

28 WHEREAS, the lakes and 500 miles of wildlife refuge  
29 along the Upper Mississippi and Illinois river basin  
30 support a \$1 billion-a-year recreational industry,

1 including hunting, fishing, and tourism; and

2 WHEREAS, many of Iowa's locks and dams are more  
3 than 60 years old and only 600 feet in length, making  
4 them unable to accommodate modern barge tows of up to  
5 1,200 feet long, nearly tripling locking times and  
6 causing lengthy delays and ultimately increasing  
7 shipping costs; and

8 WHEREAS, the use of 1,200-foot locks has been  
9 proven nationwide as the best method of improving  
10 efficiency, reducing congestion and modernizing inland  
11 waterways; and

12 WHEREAS, failing to construct 1,200-foot locks will  
13 force agricultural producers and industry to use more  
14 expensive alternative modes of transportation,  
15 including road and rail systems; and

16 WHEREAS, according to the United States Army Corps  
17 of Engineers, congestion along the Upper Mississippi  
18 and Illinois rivers costs agricultural producers and  
19 consumers in the basin \$98 million per year in higher  
20 transportation costs; and

21 WHEREAS, upgrading the system of locks and dams on  
22 the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers will provide  
23 3,000 construction and related jobs over a 15-year to  
24 20-year period; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
26 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
27 recognizes the importance of the Upper Mississippi and  
28 Illinois Rivers Inland Transportation System to the  
29 economic prosperity and ecological vitality of the  
30 state, the region, and the nation, and urges the

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1 United States Congress to provide immediate funding to  
2 modernize its lock and dam infrastructure.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the  
4 House of Representatives send copies of this  
5 concurrent resolution to the President of the United  
6 States; the Chief of Engineers and Commander of the  
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12 Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the Chair of the  
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14 and Infrastructure; the Chair of the United States  
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1 Amend House Concurrent Resolution 109, as passed by  
2 the Senate, as follows:

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3 1. Page 3, by striking lines 9 through 12, and  
4 inserting the following:

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5 "WHEREAS, the expansion and modernization of locks  
6 has been proven nationwide as the best method of  
7 optimizing efficiency, reducing congestion, and  
8 providing for additional safety of inland waterway  
9 administration; and".

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