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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the St. Lawrence waterway.

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WHEREAS, A joint Board of Engineers representing the United States and Canada have officially and unanimously declared ship channel connections between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic by way of the St. Lawrence to be practical; and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence Commission of the United States appointed to determine the need of such a seaway has unanimously declared, in its report to the President, made December 27, 1926, that: "The construction of a shipway from the Great Lakes to the sea is imperative both for the relief and for the future development of a vast area in the interior of the continent", and that "It has been estimated that the value in a single year to the farmers alone would equal the capital cost of the waterway", and that "The economic importance of the improvement would be far greater than the savings made upon the actual tonnage transported, important though that would be", and,

WHEREAS, The extension of the commerce of the State of Wisconsin, the development of her resources, the broadening of markets for the products of her industries, her present prosperity and her future welfare, all demand world trade contacts by way of direct low cost ocean transportation to and from the markets of the world; and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence seaway would give to the State of Wisconsin ocean ports, direct ocean transportation, wider and lower cost market outlets and would increase the demand for her products, thereby assuring to her citizens an enlarged and abiding prosperity; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the people of the State of Wisconsin through their legislature do most earnestly urge upon the President of the United States the imperative national need of such seaway, and that it does further express to him the official desires of this state that immediate steps be taken for the negotiation of a treaty with Canada to that end.

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