



2009 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 16

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1 **Relating to:** urging and authorizing the attorney general to pursue every legal
2 means available to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes.

3 Whereas, the state of Illinois constructed the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal
4 over 100 years ago, connecting the Great Lakes Basin to the Mississippi River Basin
5 in order to move Chicago's sewage away from Lake Michigan; and

6 Whereas, the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in addition to diverting billions
7 of gallons of water from Lake Michigan each day, also opens a channel of
8 communication between the lake and the lower Mississippi basin; and

9 Whereas, Asian carp, an invasive, non-native species, have migrated
10 northward through the Mississippi River Basin, advancing as close as 20 miles from
11 Lake Michigan; and

12 Whereas, an invasion of Asian carp into Lake Michigan would devastate native
13 wildlife and cause incalculable economic loss and irreversible damage to recreational
14 fishing on the Great Lakes and the resulting tourism industry; and

