



## 2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 50

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1     **Relating to:** calling for the creation of a Great Lakes legislative caucus.

2             Whereas, the challenges facing the Great Lakes can be met successfully only  
3 through a well-coordinated and systematic approach. Issues as diverse as aquatic  
4 nuisance species, pollution, water levels, and water diversions and consumptive uses  
5 will be addressed in the coming years by dozens of laws and regulations in each of  
6 the Great Lakes states and provinces; and

7             Whereas, legislation impacting the Great Lakes will be far more effective if it  
8 is based on information developed and shared by policymakers from the entire Great  
9 Lakes region. An organization to bring key Great Lakes lawmakers together  
10 regularly to share knowledge and hear other perspectives would be invaluable in  
11 improving the impact and uniformity of practices established in statute; and

12             Whereas, regular meetings of legislative leaders from each of the Great Lakes  
13 states and provinces will bring many benefits. Regularly exchanging information  
14 can bring immediacy to the work of dealing with Great Lakes issues. The current  
15 practice of legislative bodies relying primarily on regional forums can be

