

Rep. Hansen offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 129.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for dredging recreational harbors in Michigan.

Whereas, Recreational boating is a popular activity and a key component of Michigan's and the other Great Lakes states' tourism industry. In Michigan alone, recreational boating on the Great Lakes contributes nearly \$3 billion annually and more than 20,000 jobs to the state's economy; and

Whereas, Regular dredging is needed to keep recreational harbors open to boaters in Michigan and the other Great Lakes states. Natural shoaling exacerbated by continued low lake levels has left many recreational harbors too shallow for boaters to enter safely, jeopardizing local communities and businesses that depend on these boaters; and

Whereas, The federal budget does not include any money for dredging recreational harbors maintained in the past by the United States Army Corp of Engineers. This lack of funding could cripple the Great Lakes recreational boating industry, impacting millions of boaters and the businesses and communities they support. The relatively small federal investment needed to maintain these harbors is insignificant compared to the billions of dollars and thousands of jobs generated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for dredging recreational harbors in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.