

Rep. Miller offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 185.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act.

Whereas, Our nation's waters have been the backbone of economic development in the United States for over 200 years. The movement of raw materials and goods from our nation's ports along its rivers and coastal waters underlie the vast economy and quality of life that we now enjoy. Our Great Lakes, ocean, and river shorelines are home to the majority of the population in the United States and the nation's largest cities; and

Whereas, The continued use and development of our nation's water resources rely on infrastructure that supports commercial shipping, recreational use, protection of shoreline development, and the preservation and restoration of aquatic habitat. The Congress of the United States has long recognized the national interest in the quality of coastal infrastructure and has funded water resource development projects throughout the nation; and

Whereas, The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (H.R. 1495) would authorize new and continued funding for the construction and maintenance of vital coastal infrastructure throughout the nation. The act would authorize funding for projects that benefit Michigan and the entire Great Lakes region, including expedited dredging of channels and harbors, completion of the barriers preventing the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes, and construction of a new lock at Sault Ste. Marie. In addition, the act would provide for nearly 20 studies and projects that would benefit communities across the state of Michigan, including millions of dollars to address combined sewer overflows and for restoration of the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act; 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.