

Reps. Valentine, Brown, Angerer, Ball, Bauer, Bieda, Brandenburg, Clack, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Espinoza, Farrah, Gillard, Gonzales, Hammel, Hopgood, Johnson, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Kathleen Law, Leland, Lemmons, McDowell, Melton, Polidori, Rocca, Sak, Scott, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Warren and Wojno offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to override the presidential veto of the Water Resources Development Act.

Whereas, Following several years of effort, Congress passed the Water Resources Development Act with overwhelming bipartisan support. This bill represents a comprehensive approach to addressing some of the most serious issues facing parts of our country, including several provisions critical to the economy and environment of the Great Lakes region. This legislation represents an investment that will save lives and property, improve commerce, and protect water resources across our country. In many respects, not undertaking the projects addressed in the Water Resources Development Act could prove to be very costly for our nation; and

Whereas, The Water Resources Development Act addresses critical water infrastructure problems and grave threats to the environment. Among projects particularly vital to Michigan are provisions to protect the Great Lakes from the Asian carp, expand the Soo Locks, expedite dredging projects, and improve infrastructure to stop combined sewer overflows, which are a major source of pollution in the Great Lakes and other bodies of water in Michigan. On a national scale, this legislation is thought by many to be crucial to preventing catastrophic flooding in several areas; and

Whereas, It is significant to note that the Water Resources Development Act is an authorization measure. It does not circumvent the normal appropriation process. Funding will still have to be approved to assure the wise expenditure of the public's money. Instead, this vital legislation, crafted and supported by members of both parties, seeks to set a framework for the nation to follow to protect itself from threats from storms, pollution, and many challenges to our vital water infrastructure and natural resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to override the presidential veto of the Water Resources Development Act; and be it further

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