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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY SENATOR CHABERT AND REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

WATER/WATERWAYS. Memorializes Congress to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet.

WHEREAS, deepening of the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet is a historic infrastructure project that is vital to our nation's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Panama Canal has made it imperative to improve access on the Mississippi River for larger Post-Panamax ships for export and import of goods; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the state of Louisiana desire deepening the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet; and

WHEREAS, the project is approved and awaiting federal funding; and

WHEREAS, thirty-one states will receive economic benefits by the enhanced water carrying capacity of the Mississippi River Ship Channel, also known as the gateway to America's Heartland; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Ship Channel and tributaries currently account for seven hundred fifty billion dollars of the nation's economy and two million four hundred thousand jobs; and

WHEREAS, each new additional foot of water draft will account for an additional one million dollars in cargo on a vessel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the completion of the proposed project to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fifty feet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the commander of the United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District, and the governor.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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