



February 18, 2011

Representative Frank Foster, Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources,
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Chairman Foster,

On behalf of the Michigan Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus, (MACVB), please accept this Resolution in Support of Elimination of the Threat of Invasive Asian Carp on the Great Lakes.

We fully support House Concurrent Resolutions #7 and #8, and House Resolutions #14, #15, and #16 that encourage the federal government to expedite its efforts in stopping this invasive species from entering our Michigan waterways.

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**Resolution in Support
Of
An Expedited Effort to Eliminate the
Threat of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes**

WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus (MACVB) is comprised of 46 Convention & Visitor Bureaus (CVBs) across the state of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the MACVB believes that the invasion of Asian Carp poses an immediate and substantial threat to the Great Lakes and their tributaries by permanently changing the ecosystem and aquatic life residing therein, and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and their tributaries provide substantial fishing and recreational opportunities which contribute to tourism and the economic viability of many businesses within Michigan and other Great Lakes states, and

WHEREAS, the MACVB recognizes the continued leadership of the Michigan Attorney General's Office in the fight against the threat of Asian Carp and highly urges the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Obama Administration to expedite and fund the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Interbasin Study to ensure Asian Carp do not invade the Great Lakes,

BE IT RESOLVED, the MACVB supports House Concurrent Resolutions #7 and #8, and House Resolutions #14, #15 and #16 and their efforts to protect Michigan and the Great Lakes waterways.

Approved February 18, 2011

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