

Reps. McDowell, Meadows, Robert Jones, Cushingberry, Bauer, Booher, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Constan, Dean, Durhal, Elsenheimer, Geiss, Gonzales, Hammel, Rick Jones, Lahti, Lemmons, Liss, Lori, Marleau, Mayes, Polidori, Scripps, Slavens, Smith, Spade, Valentine and Leland offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 80.

A resolution to memorialize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allocate federal stimulus package funds for the construction of a new Soo Lock at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Whereas, The Soo Locks are integral to the commercial and recreational navigation of the Great Lakes. Each year, 10,000 vessels transporting shipments totaling approximately \$4 billion pass through the Soo Locks. The Soo Locks represent an enormous investment that must be preserved; and

Whereas, Only one of the current Soo Locks is capable of accommodating the 1,000-foot cargo vessels operating on the Great Lakes, known as “lakers.” The U.S. Congress authorized the building of a similarly-sized new Soo Lock over 20 years ago, but the lock has not yet been built; and

Whereas, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates \$2 billion to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction projects, such as navigation infrastructure, to stimulate quickly the economy. Contracts worth approximately \$100 million could be in place this year for the initial phases of construction of a new Soo Lock; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allocate a portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding appropriated to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of a new Soo Lock; and be it further

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