



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The importance of the Great Lakes to both the
3 United States and Canada cannot be emphasized strongly enough;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes collectively are the largest
6 bodies of fresh water in the world, constituting one-fifth of
7 the Earth's supply of fresh water; and

8 WHEREAS, It is vital for the economic and ecological
9 survival of the Great Lakes region that the environmental
10 integrity of the Great Lakes basin be protected; and

11 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes drainage basin, which covers a
12 288,000 square-mile area, provides an enormous economic
13 benefit, such as a \$35 billion-a-year boating industry and an
14 \$18 billion-a-year wildlife watching and sportsman industry,
15 to the region; and

16 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy
17 is the result of an enormous bipartisan effort that includes
18 several states, cities, tribes, and Canadian provinces, as well
19 as a coalition of environmental advocates, businesses, and
20 other concerned parties; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we urge the United States Congress and the President to support
24 legislation that implements key recommendations of the Great
25 Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy, including \$300 million
26 dollars in federal FY 2007 funds called for by Great Lakes
27 governors and mayors, to be used for sewer and water
28 improvements, wetlands and river restoration, toxic cleanups,
29 and other vital projects; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to
2 President Bush and each member of the Illinois congressional
3 delegation.