

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE
STATE LEGISLATURE, COMMENCING JANUARY SECOND, ONE
THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, AND TERMINATING
MARCH FIRST, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-TWO.

NUMBER I.

*A Joint Resolution to Congress asking an Appropriation
for the Construction of a Ship Canal around the Falls
of Niagara, on the American side.*

February 26,
1872.

WHEREAS, The agricultural products of this state—indeed of the entire west—will be increased in value in our own markets in proportion to the reduction of their cost of transportation to the eastern and European markets; and

WHEREAS, That cost can only be reduced by the opening up of new and competing water and other routes between the valley of the Mississippi and the Atlantic Ocean through the great water channels of the continent; and

WHEREAS, The obstruction between lakes Erie and Ontario is the most formidable—indeed the only formidable barrier to continuous navigation on the northern or lake route; and

WHEREAS, That route has always been regarded, both by

our own Government, as also by France and England in colonial times, as a public national highway, by water, to the interior of the continent; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Relating to the
construction of
a ship canal
around Niagara
Falls.

That Congress be requested to make an appropriation at its present session, adequate to work, for the construction of a canal of the maximum capacity of the lakes, around the Falls of Niagara on the American side, and that such works may be completed as speedily as can be done consistent with the best interests of the whole country.

Resolved further, That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable.

Approved February 26, 1872.

NUMBER II.

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A Joint Resolution to Congress asking the Completion of the Water Route from the Mississippi Valley by the way of the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, to Lake Michigan, and another by the way of Lake Superior, by the Enlargement and Deepening of the Canal at the Outlet of that Lake.

WHEREAS, To ensure the continued development and consequent prosperity of this state as also of the entire north-west, a system of cheaper transportation than now or ever can exist with the present means and facilities furnished by railroads and the limited and imperfect system of water transit must be opened up between her vast and fer-