

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA RELATIVE TO AN INVENTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION.

WHEREAS, A plan for enlarging the channels of rivers and freeing the same from obstructions by means of submerged flumes, has been invented by Mr. M. J. Adams, a citizen of Minnesota, who has obtained three several patents therefor; and

WHEREAS, The inventor, after an expenditure of much time and private means, has repeatedly demonstrated the feasibility of the invention by successful experiments upon a limited scale, while its practical utility has recently been exhibited by experiments upon a larger scale under government auspices in France and England; and

WHEREAS, The results thus far obtained are believed by eminent scientific authorities to justify the comprehensive use of the device as a cheap and practicable means of securing the permanent improvement of the navigation of broad, shallow rivers; therefore, in view of the magnitude of the interests to be subserved,

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

That Congress be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to test the practicability and value of the invention, and that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be urged to exert their aid and influence to secure the favorable action of Congress to the end desired.

Approved February 18, 1878.