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## JOINT MEMORIAL.

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*A joint memorial to congress relative to deep water ways to the east.*

Deep water ways to the east.

Whereas, the growth and development of the entire Northwest and especially this state is dependent upon cheap transportation to and from the eastern seaboard; and

Whereas, we firmly believe that the natural waterways which extend from our state to the markets of the world by the lake route to the east, when properly improved, the cost of transportation would be so greatly reduced as to enable our people to command a reasonable compensation for their labors, and,

Preamble.

Whereas, the appropriations heretofore made by congress for the improvement of our rivers and harbors, as well as the canals which connect us with the markets, have resulted in the constant decrease in the expenses of transportation until the bulk of all our products now find their way to market by water at less rates than would be possible to expect on railways without water competition, and,

Whereas, we further believe that by more liberal allowance to enable the engineers of the United States to carry out their well devised plans for the improvement of these several water routes, as contained in their several reports, will still further reduce the cost of transportation on all that we send out or bring in, therefore, be it

Resolved by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, that, in the name of the people of the state of Minnesota, we do most earnestly memorialize and petition the congress of the United States to make liberal appropriations for the carrying on of these much-needed works, and provide for pushing the work now in hand so as to enable the engineers to complete them within the shortest time possible, and thus afford to this people minimum rates of transportation;

Request for appropriation by Congress.

That our senators and representatives be requested to use all possible effort to secure liberal appropriations for said work to the end that the contemplated deep water ways to our eastern seaboard may be completed with as little delay as possible, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of our senators and members of the house of representatives.

Approved April 25th, 1895.