

on the Great Lakes not only will substantially contribute to the well being and growth of Minnesota industry, provide a market for products grown and manufactured in Minnesota, both at home and abroad, but will also help reduce unemployment and more importantly will provide a stepping stone to the maximum use of the facilities of the Port of Duluth for international trade when the St. Lawrence Seaway has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States, the Federal Maritime Board, and the Congress of the United States be memorialized to effect the restoration of package freight service on the Great Lakes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Board, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved February 18, 1955.

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RESOLUTION No. 2.—S. F. No. 283

*A joint resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to Statehood.*

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii have applied to be admitted to statehood; and,

WHEREAS, these Territories have long been valued possessions of these United States, and the people thereof in times of both peace and war have demonstrated their loyalty, their spirit of self-sacrifice, their trustworthiness, and their abilities to be good citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii are important outposts in the preservation of world peace and in the defense of the shores of the continental limits of these United States, and their admittance to statehood will strengthen the position of these Territories in the defense of our shores and in the maintenance of world peace; and,

WHEREAS, the peoples of these Territories are capable of self-government and are desirous of joining the family of states comprising this American Republic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to statehood and that the necessary enabling legislation therefor be enacted during the current session of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved March 4, 1955.

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RESOLUTION No. 3—H. F. No. 257

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to support measures authorizing the deepening of all Great Lakes connecting channels to a depth of thirty-six feet.*

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has authorized the construction of a portion of the St. Lawrence Seaway,

WHEREAS, the legislation enacted by Congress would not provide for the deepening of the connecting channels leading into Lake Superior,

WHEREAS, if Minnesota is to realize the full benefit of the St. Lawrence Seaway it is necessary that the connecting channels be deepened to thirty-six feet,

WHEREAS, deepening of the channel will result in annual transportation savings to shippers in Minnesota and the upper Northwest and will enable Minnesota to share fully in an expanded world trade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States be memorialized to enact the necessary legislation to secure the immediate deepening of the connecting channels to a depth of thirty-six feet and to appropriate immediately the funds necessary for the completion of this work by the date of the completion of the remainder of the St. Lawrence Seaway.