

where for a real vacation and the enjoyment thereof to the highest possible extent and more adapted therefor than any other place in this country; and

WHEREAS, for some time, at least, it has been customary for the President and his family to enjoy a rest, recreation and vacation away from the congested centers of population or the capital city, and in order that the President may be again reminded of all of the natural assets, benefits and advantages that are possessed and at hand within this state before he plans his summer vacation for 1927;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, that there is hereby extended to President and Mrs. Coolidge the invitation on the part of the people of this state that the President spend his 1927 vacation within the borders of our state, and assuring the President that anything that can be done for his enjoyment, recreation, pleasure and benefit will be at all times at hand should he see fit to accept this invitation and spend at least a portion of his time during the coming summer within our boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Approved April 1, 1927.

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RESOLUTION No. 14—H. F. No. 588

*Joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission to promote the project of improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the upper Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers for the purposes of navigation.*

WHEREAS, There is a new and widespread interest in favor of the future development of waterways it is important that the Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers be developed and improved in order that the greatest service may be rendered in the State of Minnesota and to the States of the Mississippi valley and the Northwest.

The right of the public to have the internal waterways of the country so improved and so used as to return the fullest benefit to the people in the reduction of distribution costs, is a natural right that should be developed by the improvement of the waterways systems so far as such improvement is economically wise.

It is important that the future be visualized. The prosperity of the agricultural districts as well as the prosperity of the cities depends upon cheap transportation and the same economic conditions that are grinding down our farmer to a condition of discouragement and poverty will, if persisted in, reduce our manufactories, to a condition bordering on bankruptcy.

A period of internal growth of the United States is approaching its close as a result of which local needs are supplied and the energies of the Mississippi valley and Northwest states are being directed more and more to supplying world markets.

The north Mississippi valley states compose a land-locked territory, which at the present time is a depression area where competition of South American grain growers in world markets cannot be met because of high transportation costs.

Tonnage passing through the Panama Canal has jumped from 8,546,000 tons in 1920, to 24,774,000 tons in 1926, a larger part of which represents intercoastal trade. This undoubtedly means that the Northwest is being drained dry and reduced to a state of economic anaemia while the seaboard regions are throbbing with a vigorous trade vitality.

THEFORE, The people of the State of Minnesota and other Mississippi valley states believing that both the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence routes should be made available to our people at the earliest possible date demand another access to the sea in order to be able to compete with the East coast and the West coast having the advantage and facilities of water transportation.

WHEREAS, The project of improvement of the upper Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers with dams where required and the completion of a nine foot channel as well as general improvement is of vital interest to all the people of the State of Minnesota and to those residing in the upper Mississippi valley but in order to secure the success and development of such a plan it is necessary to educate and arouse public opinion to the value and importance of the completion of such project and to this end to co-operate with the States of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and other states; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the project as herein outlined is of vital importance to the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests of this State as well as to all classes of labor and that it would constitute a natural and ever ready means of reducing transportation rates on all its commodities between the Mississippi valley, the great Northwest and the Gulf and the Atlantic seaports and would have marked effect

in widening the markets of all agricultural and manufactured products produced in this and adjoining states and would tend to reduce the cost of the necessities of life and be of great benefit to the entire body of the people of the State.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Governor of this State is hereby authorized to appoint a commission of five citizens of this State, which commission shall serve without compensation, shall be known as Upper Mississippi and St. Croix River Improvement Commission of Minnesota and said commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to promote the project of improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the upper Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers for the purposes of navigation and to investigate and advise upon what methods to be used in the increase of the transportation service of the upper Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers.

Said Commission is further authorized to publish, from time to time, in such form and manner as it shall deem advisable, the results of its investigations to the end that the people of this State may be informed as to the value and importance of said proposed project.

Said Commission is further authorized and empowered to consult and co-operate with similar Commissions or bodies representing the State of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri or other states, and working to the same end, and, whether officially created by the legislature of said State or not, to the end that the people of the Northwest may become advised and informed of the value and importance of the adoption of said proposed project of improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the Upper Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers.

Approved April 8, 1927.

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RESOLUTION No. 15—S. F. No. 154

*A joint resolution conferring the name of "Garvin Brook" upon a certain spring brook in Winona County, in appreciation of the gift by the Hon. H. C. Garvin, for public park purposes, of certain lands upon which the stream has its origin.*

WHEREAS, the Hon. H. C. Garvin, a long time resident and respected citizen of Winona County, has recently given to Winona County and the Winona County Farm Bureau Association, for public Park purposes, a certain beautiful and diversified tract of land, comprising 27 acres, situate in Warren Township in said county, and now known as Farmers Community Park; and,