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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department
2 of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Indiana Department of
3 Environmental Management (IDEM) to issue permits to remove
4 silt from and to clear and clean both banks of the St. Joseph
5 River, Kankakee River, Yellow River, and their tributaries to
6 help control flooding.

7 *Whereas, Floods cause tremendous hardships and economic*
8 *distress for those involved, and the needed disaster relief places*
9 *a heavy burden on limited state resources;*

10 *Whereas, Methods designed to keep rivers from ruining crops*
11 *when they overflow their banks should be employed in the state*
12 *of Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, Uncontrolled flooding makes it difficult for farmers*
14 *to maintain a profitable agricultural operation;*

15 *Whereas, Effective floodplain management can minimize the*
16 *extent of floods;*

17 *Whereas, Currently IDNR and IDEM issue permits to remove*
18 *silt from and to clear and clean only one bank of the St. Joseph*
19 *River, Kankakee River, Yellow River, and their tributaries;*

20 *Whereas, In order for the flood control practice to be the*
21 *most successful, both banks of the rivers should be cleaned and*



1 *cleared; and*

2 *Whereas, Purposes of flood management techniques include*
3 *protecting life, health, and property, minimizing public*
4 *expenditures for flood control projects, and minimizing rescue*
5 *and relief measures: Therefore,*

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
7 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

8 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the Indiana
9 Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department
10 of Environmental Management to issue permits to remove silt
11 from and to clear and clean both banks of the St. Joseph River,
12 Kankakee River, Yellow River, and their tributaries to help
13 control flooding.

14 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by
15 the Secretary of the Senate to the Indiana Department of Natural
16 Resources and the Indiana Department of Environmental
17 Management.

