

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114
2 BY ROSENBERG, CONNOLLY, DELUHERY, DVORSKY, TINSMAN,
3 and WELSH
4 A Concurrent Resolution relating to establishment of
5 a federal Mississippi River Program.
6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is an important
7 natural resource for the state of Iowa in that it
8 provides economic and recreational opportunities for
9 the state and its citizens; and
10 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River flows through the
11 states of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky,
12 Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,
13 Tennessee, or Wisconsin; and
14 WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide coordinated
15 efforts at the federal level to report on the
16 assessment of trends in environmental quality and uses
17 of the entire Mississippi River; and
18 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River states, quasi-
19 governmental organizations, nongovernmental
20 organizations, and federal agencies need to collect,
21 organize, characterize, and assess data on toxic
22 pollutants, nutrients, pathogens, and natural
23 resources within the Mississippi River basin and to
24 identify the causes of environmental problems; and
25 WHEREAS, state and local governments,
26 nongovernmental organizations, and private citizens
27 need assistance in developing and implementing
28 educational, training, and research programs to
29 enhance the environmental quality of the Mississippi
30 River, including monitoring, mapping, and restoration;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, a unified plan to manage, protect, and
3 restore the Mississippi is necessary to ensure the
4 restoration of riparian property and wetlands and to
5 reduce the percentage of pollutants, nutrients, and
6 sediments in the Mississippi River; and

7 WHEREAS, section 1006 of the federal Water
8 Pollution Prevention and Control Act of 1994, S 1114,
9 which is on the United States Senate Calendar for
10 consideration, provides for the establishment of a
11 Mississippi River program to do all of the
12 aforementioned, establishes a Mississippi River
13 Program office, and requires establishment of a
14 Mississippi River States Council to develop a
15 management, protection, and restoration plan; NOW
16 THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
19 Assembly requests consideration and adoption of the
20 federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act of
21 1994, in particular section 1006 of that Act; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
23 resolution be sent to Iowa's congressional delegation,
24 Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley, and
25 Representatives Neal Smith, Jim Leach, Jim Ross
26 Lightfoot, Fred Grandy, and Jim Nussle.

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