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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the National Administration and the Congress of  
2 the United States to restore full funding to the Army Corps  
3 of Engineers so that they can continue to safeguard the  
4 navigability of Pittsburgh's three rivers.

5 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh is situated on the confluence  
6 of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers; and

7 WHEREAS, These three rivers represent the economic,  
8 environmental and historic lifeblood of the City of Pittsburgh  
9 and the surrounding region; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh has dedicated millions of  
11 public, private and charitable dollars to various efforts and  
12 projects to more fully develop its riverfronts for tourism,  
13 recreation, commerce and environmental appreciation; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers has  
15 performed in an outstanding fashion over many decades,  
16 preserving, protecting and enhancing Pittsburgh's navigable  
17 waterways through the investment of millions of dollars for lock  
18 and dam construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of the

1 rivers, always providing an invaluable service to commerce and  
2 recreational boaters; and

3 WHEREAS, The proposed Federal fiscal year 2003 budget calls  
4 for a planned 31% reduction in corps funding, which could  
5 possibly result in reductions to corps operations and lead to  
6 shorter hours of operations and less upkeep for the locks along  
7 Pittsburgh's rivers; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to  
10 restore full funding to the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure no  
11 cutbacks in the hours of operation of river locks or diminution  
12 of capital repairs to river infrastructure and create a Federal  
13 funding formula that fully appreciates the importance of  
14 recreational boats and crafts utilizing the Allegheny,  
15 Monongahela and Ohio rivers; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
17 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
18 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
19 Pennsylvania.