

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 82

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MUNZLINGER.

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2       **Whereas**, the State of Missouri is located in the Upper Mississippi River Valley;  
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4       **Whereas**, recent floods have demonstrated the tremendous toll that catastrophic  
5       flooding can take on our communities and how unprepared our nation remains to deal with such  
6       disasters; and

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8       **Whereas**, the Great Flood of 1993 resulted in the loss of life, property damage, and  
9       billions of dollars in other damages, lost earnings, and wages; and  
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11       **Whereas**, over the last two decades, floods in the Upper Mississippi River Valley  
12       have required the expenditure of billions of dollars for flood fighting and restoration; and  
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14       **Whereas**, flood control protects urban and rural areas, highways, railroads, water  
15       and sewage treatment plants, schools, homes, businesses, and wildlife areas; and  
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17       **Whereas**, the lives and livelihoods of our citizens depend in great part on robust  
18       flood protection; and  
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20       **Whereas**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers developed a systemic,  
21       integrated strategy and implementation plan for flood damage reduction and related  
22       environmental restoration; and  
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24       **Whereas**, this Comprehensive Plan was developed in coordination with Illinois,  
25 Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, and non-  
26 governmental organizations; and

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28       **Whereas**, this Comprehensive Plan, if implemented, would provide the greatest  
29 level of protection to the greatest number of residents in the Upper Mississippi River Valley by  
30 ensuring enhanced flood protection for most currently-protected urban and agricultural areas; and

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32       **Whereas**, a study conducted by the Tennessee Valley Authority shows that every  
33 dollar spent on flood control in the 500-year floodplain of the Upper Mississippi River Valley  
34 generates a nearly five-fold economic return in, among other things, costs avoided and increased  
35 income; and

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37       **Whereas**, the United States Congress must authorize and fund the Comprehensive  
38 Plan in order for it to be implemented:

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40       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
41 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
42 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress to authorize and fund the United  
43 States Army Corps of Engineers' Comprehensive Plan for Flood Control in the Upper  
44 Mississippi River Valley; and

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46       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
47 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
48 member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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