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Office of Secretary of State,

CITY OF JEFFERSON, MO.

J. EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the annexed pages contain a true, complete and full copy of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, entitled: Senate Concurrent Resolution No 51.

Approved March 17th 1874.

as appears by comparing the same with the original roll of said Resolution now on file, as the law directs, in this office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. Done at office, this 20th day of March A. D. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-four.



Eugene F. Weigel
Secretary of State.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each Senator and Representative from this State, in the Congress of the United States, and also to the Legislatures of each other State in the Mississippi Valley, respectfully inviting concurrent action with this General Assembly upon this subject.

Approved March 17th, 1874.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 51.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly, in resolutions already adopted, has urged upon the Congress of the United States, and the Legislatures of other States of the Mississippi Valley, the necessity of so deepening the mouth of the Mississippi River as to afford a free passage for the largest vessels of commerce; and

WHEREAS, The report of the Board of United States Engineers, convened to examine the plan of improvement by a ship canal below Fort St. Philip, has, since the passage of the above resolutions, shown that great uncertainty exists as to the proper location and method of construction of the proposed canal as to its cost, and as to date of its completion, and the committee of the House of Representatives upon railways and canals has consequently decided not to report favorably upon that project; and

WHEREAS, Captain James B. Eads, an engineer of high and established reputation, whose conduct of great enterprises during and since the war, entitles him to the utmost confidence, has formally proposed, at the cost and risk of himself and his associates, to deepen the mouth of the Mississippi River by constructing jetties, provided the United States will pay five million dollars (\$5,000,000) when a depth of twenty-eight (28) feet, with a channel not less than six hundred (600) feet in width, shall have been secured and for fifteen months maintained and five million dollars (5,000,000) more upon the maintenance of such depth and channel for a term of nine years, the aggregate being less than the cost of necessary jetties as estimated by the Board of Engineers and a sum insignificant in comparison with the value of such an improvement to the National Commerce, while the United States, paying only after the completion of works and the accomplishment of required results, would be protected from all risk by the acceptance of this proposal; Therefore.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That the Senators from this State are hereby instructed, and the Representatives requested to support House Bill No. 2342, which has been unanimously reported from the House Committee on Railways and Canals, and which provides for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi substantially, according to the plan above mentioned.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each Senator and Representative from this State, in the Congress of the United States, and also to the Legislatures of each other State in the Mississippi Valley, respectfully inviting concurrent action with this General Assembly upon this subject.

Approved March 17th, 1874.