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SENATE RESOLUTION

8 URGING PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS
9 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO
10 DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE INLAND WATERWAYS FUEL TAX.

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Subtitle

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17 WHEREAS, congressional and administration leaders are to be commended
18 for exercising budgetary constraint, and for creating new ways for cutting
19 expenditures while increasing general revenues as a means of reducing the
20 federal deficit and our national debt; and

21 WHEREAS, the national objective of a vigorous economic recovery offering
22 expanding employment opportunity without inflation can be accomplished only
23 through the formation of new enterprise and the sound expansion of existing
24 business and industry; and

25 WHEREAS, the American ideal and tradition is that of fair treatment for
26 all, with an equitable distribution of both the benefits and costs of
27 government in relation to actual need or the ability to pay; and

28 WHEREAS, it is currently proposed that the federal inland waterways fuel
29 taxes be escalated dramatically from a current rate of 17 cents to \$1.29 per
30 gallon by 1997 in order to increase federal revenues; and

31 WHEREAS, an increase of such magnitude would effectively eliminate use
32 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System for transportation
33 purposes, would devastate those industries which have invested billions of
34 private dollars and created thousands of jobs in dependence upon low-cost
35 water transportation; and

1 WHEREAS, the proposed increase in the inland waterway user fuel taxes
2 would be detrimental to the economy of Arkansas and the United States,
3 resulting in lost jobs, lost public and private investments, and higher prices
4 for all,

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6 NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
8 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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10 The Arkansas Senate hereby respectfully urges and requests President
11 Clinton to reconsider the proposal to dramatically increase federal inland
12 waterways fuel taxes and urges the Arkansas Congressional Delegation to
13 vigorously oppose such dramatic increase.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution the
15 Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy hereof to President Clinton and
16 to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

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