

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 75

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to support Passaic River Restoration Initiative.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** urging the United States Congress to support
2 the Passaic River Restoration Initiative.

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4 **WHEREAS**, The Passaic River Restoration Initiative (PRRI), a new
5 cooperative approach to restore the Passaic River, will utilize the
6 leadership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with
7 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and various concerned
8 federal, state and local agencies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The Passaic River and its surrounding wetlands have been
10 degraded as a result of the State's commercial growth that brought
11 industrial development to the Passaic's shores and surrounding
12 properties; and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Passaic River, which traverses New Jersey through
14 Newark, is an ideal pilot for the proposed PRRI as appropriated by
15 Congress; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Under the PRRI, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will
17 engage in a cooperative project planning and development process
18 to identify and apply feasible solutions to achieve environmental
19 restoration and economic revitalization of the Passaic River; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The results of the project development process will be
21 incorporated in a report to Congress from the Chief of Engineers
22 as project implementation will require authorization by Congress;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, The PRRI is related to several other current major federal
25 initiatives, such as those under Brownfields Redevelopment, the
26 NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program, and the Natural Resources
27 Damage Assessment and Restoration Program; and

28 **WHEREAS**, On April 11, 2000 the Committee on Transportation and
29 Infrastructure in the United States House of Representatives
30 approved a resolution authorizing the U.S. Army Corps of
31 Engineers to conduct the Passaic River Environmental Restoration
32 reconnaissance study, which is currently underway by the Corps'
33 New York district; and

34 **WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of the State to support the
35 enactment of the Passaic River Restoration Initiative in order to
36 restore and preserve the Passaic River to healthy environmental and
37 economic conditions; now, therefore,

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39 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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41 1. This House urges the United States Congress to support the
42 Passaic River Restoration Initiative in order to restore and preserve
43 the Passaic River to healthy environmental and economic conditions,
44 and to provide the funding for the federal share of the project
45 development process and the necessary study funds of the U.S. Army
46 Corps of Engineers to advance the Passaic River Restoration Initiative.

