

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Whereas, the March 2019 flooding along the Missouri River in Northwest Missouri has risen to historically high levels; and

Whereas, the extensive flooding has destroyed many homes, farms, and businesses, severely impacting the livelihoods of thousands of Missourians, who, in addition to suffering the emotional toll of the disaster, are also suffering a heavy economic burden to repair the devastated lands and infrastructure; and

Whereas, even after the flood waters recede, much work will need to be done to restore the productivity of the damaged agricultural land and repair the ruined homes and businesses; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is charged with management of the Missouri River for eight congressionally-authorized purposes, one of which is flood control; and

Whereas, the Army Corps has neglected flood control as its top priority for too long, putting the citizens of Missouri at risk as evidenced by the recent flooding in the Northwest part of the state; and

Whereas, it is evident that due to the immediate, large-scale and potentially life-threatening impacts upon health and safety caused by flooding, the authorized purpose of flood control must have the utmost importance in any planning activities on the part of the Army Corps:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to focus on the Corps' mandated responsibility to protect public health and safety through flood control; and

Be It Further Resolved that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be urged to continually place the utmost priority on flood control in any future modifications to the Missouri River Master Manual and in its annual planning with the goal of allowing the Army Corps to be able to successfully react and respond to unpredictable weather and extreme weather events so as to prevent future flooding disasters; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.