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Expressing support for shipping on the Great Lakes and the potential for international container ship commerce.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for shipping on the Great Lakes and the potential for international container ship commerce.

Whereas the United States is currently experiencing the worst peacetime supply chain issues and delays in history;

Whereas container cargo ships sit idle off the coast of California;

Whereas some container ships sit idle there for up to 30 days;

Whereas ports on the West Coast have failed to accept cargo container ships in a timely and efficient manner;

Whereas businesses are waiting weeks and sometimes months to receive expected shipments, resulting in higher consumer prices;

Whereas 85 percent of American adults are concerned that supply chain problems may lead to shortages of basic items;

Whereas President Biden’s 100-Day Reviews under Executive Order 14017, “Building Resilient Supply Chains, Revitalizing American Manufacturing, and Fostering Broad-Based Growth”, makes no mention of current Great Lakes shipping operations or future potential;

Whereas the Great Lakes consist of Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and Lake Superior, and border the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York;

Whereas the Great Lakes Saint Lawrence Seaway navigation system handles 160,000,000 tons of cargo annually;

Whereas Great Lakes Seaway shipping supports over 237,000 jobs;

Whereas Great Lakes Seaway shipping supports over \$35,000,000,000 in annual economic activity; and

Whereas while West Coast ports have experienced delays and a collapse of basic supply chain operations, Great Lakes ports over the same period have experienced no delays or backups: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports reducing congestion at high-volume
3 coastal ports and expanding options for importing
4 and exporting goods;

1 (2) supports the potential for more inter-
2 national container ship traffic through the Saint
3 Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes ports; and

4 (3) expresses support for Great Lakes and in-
5 land waterway ports and their current and future
6 role in international trade commerce.

