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**H. C. R. No. 31**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers to 1  
take all actions necessary to preserve the Village 2  
of Zoar in its present location in Tuscarawas 3  
County by repairing a levee that is protecting the 4  
Village. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The Village of Zoar in Tuscarawas County was founded 6  
in 1817 by Christian immigrants from the Kingdom of Wurttemberg 7  
(Germany). The Zoarists were known as the Society of Separatists 8  
of Zoar. The Village functioned as a religious commune until 1898 9  
and was one of many religious communes established throughout the 10  
United States in the nineteenth century; and 11

WHEREAS, The Zoarists were deeply religious and egalitarian 12  
and valued hard work. They were farmers, craftspeople, and 13

manufacturers whose wares were exported throughout the United 14  
States. The Zoarists also assisted in the construction of the Erie 15  
Canal. All that was earned by the Village community was shared 16  
among the Village's residents; and 17

WHEREAS, After 1898 the Village of Zoar ceased to function as 18  
a religious commune, but it has retained its nineteenth century 19  
charm. The Village of Zoar is a significant tourist attraction in 20  
northeast Ohio and is a living and functioning monument to life in 21  
Ohio in the nineteenth century; and 22

WHEREAS, Zoar abuts the Tuscarawas River and is protected 23  
from flooding by a levee. Though the levee is still functioning, 24  
water is seeping through the ground under the levee which may 25  
result in the undermining of the levee; and 26

WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers, which has 27  
jurisdiction over the levee, has proposed the following three 28  
solutions: repairing the levee; relocating all of the buildings in 29  
the flood area to higher ground; or breaching the levee and 30  
flooding the Village of Zoar; now therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 32  
of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, strongly urge 33  
the United States Army Corps of Engineers to take all actions 34  
necessary to repair the levee and to preserve the Village of Zoar 35  
in its present location; and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 38  
Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 39  
other appropriate officials in the Corps, and the news media of 40  
Ohio. 41