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**Representative Baker**

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Martin, McClain, O'Brien, Phillips, Scherer, Sears, Stautberg, Terhar,  
Williams, Yuko, Speaker Batchelder**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge Congress to enact the Stop Invasive Species Act, S. 2317 of the 112th Congress. 1  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The waters of the Great Lakes are an important and vital asset of the United States. Further, the waters of Lake Erie are an important and vital asset of Ohio and are especially critical to sustaining life and the economy of northern Ohio; and 3  
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WHEREAS, Over 180 aquatic invasive species have been introduced into the Great Lakes. One of the potential pathways for introduction and movement of those species into the Great Lakes is the Chicago Area Waterway System; and 7  
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WHEREAS, The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 authorized the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study called the 11  
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Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study to evaluate a range 13  
of options and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic 14  
nuisance species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River 15  
by aquatic pathways; and 16

WHEREAS, The completion of the Great Lakes Mississippi River 17  
Interbasin Study is vital to determine if a project is necessary 18  
to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the 19  
Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins such as a permanent 20  
hydrological separation of the basins and the Chicago Area 21  
Waterway System; and 22

WHEREAS, The Stop Invasive Species Act of 2012, S. 2317, was 23  
introduced in Congress in April 2012, and would compel the 24  
Secretary of the Army to complete the report from the Great Lakes 25  
Mississippi River Interbasin Study within eighteen months of its 26  
enactment. The Stop the Invasive Species Act of 2012 is now 27  
pending in Congress; now therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 29  
of the State of Ohio, acting on behalf of the citizens of Ohio, 30  
urge Congress to enact S. 2317 to compel the Secretary of the Army 31  
to complete the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study in 32  
order to determine if a project is necessary to prevent the spread 33  
of aquatic nuisance species between the Great Lakes and 34  
Mississippi River basins; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 37  
Secretary of the Army, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States 38  
House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary 39  
of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional 40  
delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 41