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# H. CON. RES. 127

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Canada should join the United States in promoting economic growth and job creation by eliminating tolls along the St. Lawrence Seaway, and in maximizing the free movement of goods and commerce through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 1995

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Canada should join the United States in promoting economic growth and job creation by eliminating tolls along the St. Lawrence Seaway, and in maximizing the free movement of goods and commerce through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Whereas the Great Lakes region accounts for two-thirds of Canada's industrial production and for 40 percent of all manufacturing in the United States;

Whereas the St. Lawrence Seaway is a vital link between the communities in the Great Lakes region and important export markets, principally the European Union;

Whereas an antiquated toll system has restricted the amount of tonnage shipped in the St. Lawrence Seaway in recent decades;

Whereas, in 1987 the United States began to rebate the tolls it collected, and in 1994 entirely eliminated the collection of tolls along the St. Lawrence Seaway;

Whereas, in 1993 Canada froze its toll rates along the St. Lawrence Seaway; and

Whereas many recent studies have concluded that the complete elimination of fees throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway would boost the regional economy: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
 3 Government of Canada should—

4            (1) eliminate its tolls along the St. Lawrence  
 5        Seaway; and

6            (2) join with the United States to identify ways  
 7        to maximize the movement of goods and commerce  
 8        through the St. Lawrence Seaway.

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