HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 213

Reps. Roth, Arbit, Breen, DeSana, Fox, Glanville, Kelly, Miller, Paiz, Paquette, Rigas, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer, Wooden and Young offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
- 2 sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald.
- Whereas, November 10, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the
- 4 tragic sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald, which occurred on Lake
- 5 Superior, claiming the lives of all twenty-nine crew members
- 6 aboard; and
- 7 Whereas, The SS Edmund Fitzgerald, a 729-foot Great Lakes
- 8 freighter, was one of the largest and most famous vessels of its
- 9 time, and its sinking remains one of the most enduring maritime
- 10 tragedies in the history of the Great Lakes; and
- 11 Whereas, The crew members aboard the Edmund Fitzgerald—Captain

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1 Ernest M. McSorley, First Mate Michael J. Armagost, and the
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- 2 remaining twenty-seven men-gave their lives in service to the Great
- 3 Lakes maritime industry, leaving a legacy of courage,
- 4 professionalism, and commitment; and
- 5 Whereas, The loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald has profoundly
- 6 impacted the families, friends, and communities of the crew
- 7 members, as well as the entire maritime industry and the people of
- 8 the Great Lakes region; and
- 9 Whereas, The sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald on that fateful
- 10 night, during a fierce storm, highlighted the dangers faced by
- 11 those who work on the Great Lakes and the need for continued
- 12 advancements in safety measures, weather forecasting, and maritime
- 13 technology; and
- 14 Whereas, The memory of the Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew
- 15 lives on through the dedication of institutions like the Great
- 16 Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, which serves as a site
- 17 of remembrance and education; and
- 18 Whereas, The song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald,"
- 19 written and performed by Gordon Lightfoot, has become an iconic
- 20 tribute to the tragedy, immortalizing the lives lost and ensuring
- 21 that future generations remember the significance of the event;
- 22 now, therefore, be it
- 23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
- 24 this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
- 25 sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. We honor the memory of the SS
- 26 Edmund Fitzgerald and its twenty-nine crew members on the 50th
- 27 anniversary of its sinking by recognizing the sacrifice, courage,
- 28 and indomitable spirit of those who perished; and be it further

- Resolved, That we encourage all citizens, organizations, and institutions, particularly those in the Great Lakes region, to observe this solemn anniversary through acts of remembrance,
- 4 education, and reflection, ensuring that the story of the ${\it Edmund}$
- 5 Fitzgerald continues to be told for generations to come; and be it
- 6 further
- Resolved, That this resolution be widely distributed and read
- 8 aloud at ceremonies, gatherings, and events dedicated to the
- 9 remembrance of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald, and that a permanent
- 10 record of this resolution be kept as a tribute to the enduring
- 11 legacy of the vessel and its crew.