

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*.

3 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

Whereas, The sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* on that fateful night, during a fierce storm, highlighted the dangers faced by those who work on the Great Lakes and the need for continued advancements in safety measures, weather forecasting, and maritime technology; and

Whereas, The song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," written and performed by Gordon Lightfoot, has become an iconic tribute to the tragedy, immortalizing the lives lost and ensuring that future generations remember the significance of the event; now, therefore, be it

50th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald
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1 Resolved, That we encourage all citizens, organizations, and
2 institutions, particularly those in the Great Lakes region, to
3 observe this solemn anniversary through acts of remembrance,
4 education, and reflection, ensuring that the story of the *Edmund*
5 *Fitzgerald* continues to be told for generations to come; and be it
6 further

7 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.