

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 213

Rep. Roth 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
12 Ernest M. McSorley, First Mate Michael J. Armagost, and the
13 remaining twenty-seven men—gave their lives in service to the Great

1 Lakes maritime industry, leaving a legacy of courage,
2 professionalism, and commitment; and

3 Whereas, The loss of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* has profoundly
4 impacted the families, friends, and communities of the crew
5 members, as well as the entire maritime industry and the people of
6 the Great Lakes region; and

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

12 Whereas, The memory of the *Edmund Fitzgerald* and its crew
13 lives on through the dedication of institutions like the Great
14 Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, which serves as a site
15 of remembrance and education; and

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

21 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
22 this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
23 sinking of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*. We honor the memory of the SS
24 *Edmund Fitzgerald* and its twenty-nine crew members on the 50th
25 anniversary of its sinking by recognizing the sacrifice, courage,
26 and indomitable spirit of those who perished; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we encourage all citizens, organizations, and
28 institutions, particularly those in the Great Lakes region, to

1 observe this solemn anniversary through acts of remembrance,
2 education, and reflection, ensuring that the story of the *Edmund*
3 *Fitzgerald* continues to be told for generations to come; and be it
4 further

5 Resolved, That this resolution be widely distributed and read
6 aloud at ceremonies, gatherings, and events dedicated to the
7 remembrance of the *SS Edmund Fitzgerald*, and that a permanent
8 record of this resolution be kept as a tribute to the enduring
9 legacy of the vessel and its crew.