

SENATE RESOLUTION 53

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A RESOLUTION relative to the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project.

WHEREAS, the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project in Chattanooga has been considered by the Tennessee Historic Commission for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, the federal government's list of historic properties worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project was built as part of a New Deal-era initiative to improve navigation on the Tennessee River and bring flood control and economic development to the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, owned and operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project is named for a tribe of Native Americans that broke away from the Cherokee Nation in the 1700s and eventually settled in villages along North Chickamauga Creek; and

WHEREAS, completed in 1940 after four years of construction, the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project utilizes four generating units on Chickamauga Dam to produce a net dependable capacity of 119 megawatts of hydroelectric power; and

WHEREAS, before TVA built Chickamauga, Chattanooga had one of the most serious flooding problems in the nation; today, the river contributes to the economy as a major artery for barge traffic, and the dam has prevented billions of dollars in flood damage to the city; and

WHEREAS, for more than seventy-five years, the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project has provided electric power to fuel the engines of progress and industry in Chattanooga and the Tennessee Valley, and its fascinating history should be preserved for future generations to study and appreciate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body supports the nomination to and inclusion of the Chickamauga Hydroelectric Project on the National Register of Historic Places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Historic Commission, the National Park Service, United States Senator Lamar Alexander, United States Senator Bob Corker, and United States Congressman Chuck Fleischmann.