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H. R. 4032

To require the Corps of Engineers to carry out an assessment of the resiliency of the Great Lakes coastline, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. UPTON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. MOORE, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MITCHELL, and Mr. BERGMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Coastal
5 Resiliency Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES COASTAL RESILIENCY STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall carry out an assess-
3 ment, under section 729 of the Water Resources Develop-
4 ment Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2267a), of the resiliency of
5 the Great Lakes coastline, with a focus on—

6 (1) areas specifically vulnerable to rising water
7 levels and severe weather; and

8 (2) lake conditions that contribute to coastal
9 erosion, sustained flooding, and damage to critical
10 infrastructure and residential and commercial prop-
11 erties.

12 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
13 with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget
14 in determining the scope of the assessment under sub-
15 section (a).

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
17 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit
18 to Congress a report containing—

19 (1) the results of the assessment carried out
20 under subsection (a); and

21 (2) any recommendations resulting from such
22 assessment, which shall—

23 (A) take into account watershed sediment
24 loading; and

1 (B) include recommendations to improve
2 the resiliency of the Great Lakes coastline to
3 rising water levels and severe weather.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) GREAT LAKES COASTLINE.—The term
6 “Great Lakes coastline” means the shoreline along
7 the five Great Lakes and their connecting channels
8 in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Min-
9 nesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wis-
10 consin.

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
13 of Engineers.

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