

MINNESOTA YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT 2014 YOUTH CONFERENCE ON STATE ISSUES

COMMITTEE: Conservation

RESOLUTION

The General Assembly,

- -<u>Having</u> assessed the threatening and detrimental impact of invasive species such as Zebra Mussels, Silver Carp, and numerous others throughout Minnesota and its ecosystems,
- -Mindful of the adverse and collective influence of individuals and their own lifestyles and habits,
- -Recognizing the progress made by the implementation of informational and directive advertisements in the pursuit of combatting and containing invasive species,
- -<u>Emphasizing</u> the role that individual citizens played in these advancements by learning from and following the aforementioned advertisements,
- -Concerned by the need for progress yet to be made on this issue,
- 1. Firmly <u>recommends</u> that the Minnesota Senate Finance Committee allocates funds towards a public awareness initiative on behalf of eliminating invasive species
- 2. <u>Ensures</u> the productive, effective, and accountable use of funds towards the mission of mitigating the expansion and spread of Minnesota's invasive species.