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LA CROSSE COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 32-1-2015

Whereas, State Statute 192.32 (C), which permitted the public to legally cross railroad tracks, was, unbeknownst to the public, deleted in the 2005 Budget Bill, and

Whereas, this Section was an exemption from the general law prohibiting walking or trespassing by allowing citizens to walk "directly across the tracks or right-of-way of any railroad," and

Whereas, the BNSF Railroad is now actively enforcing this type of "trespass," thus blocking access to about 200 miles of the Mississippi River except at designated crossing or public access points,

Therefore be it resolved, that La Crosse County on April 13, 2015 asks that the Conservation Congress work with the Natural Resources Board and Legislature to get the publics' rights restored to once again be able to directly cross railroad tracks in order to fish, hunt or recreate on the Mississippi River and other areas throughout the state.

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