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Whereas, the Stone Arch Bridge was built in 1882-1883 by railroad magnate James J. Hill and has become an icon for the City of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the Stone Arch Bridge is the only stone arch bridge ever constructed over the Mississippi River; and

Whereas, the importance of the role of the Stone Arch Bridge in the growth of the city is now recognized by its designation as a National Historic Engineering Landmark; and

Whereas, the bridge has primarily been a daytime image and the Mayor and City Council seek to decoratively light the bridge at night as an addition to the Minneapolis Riverfront District; and

Whereas, the Mayor is working with business leaders in the City to raise sufficient private funds to cover the costs of the bridge lighting project; and

Whereas, City staff are working to obtain design plans and to seek permission to implement those plans from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office and other agencies; and

Whereas, Xcel Energy wishes to donate \$50,000 to be used toward the City's costs of planning, designing, and other activities related to the bridge lighting project;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City of Minneapolis accepts a gift of \$50,000 from Xcel Energy to be used in support of the proposal to light the arches of the James J. Hill Stone Arch Bridge across the Mississippi River.