

SHORT TITLE: Memorializing the Army Corps of Engineers to permit white water rafting at Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing the United States Army Corps of Engineers to reclassify the spillway near Broken Bow Dam to include recreational zoning to permit white water rafting; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, each year more than one million out-of-state visitors travel to McCurtain County in southeast Oklahoma to enjoy recreation within the mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Broken Bow area boasts such recreation as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, canoeing, bird-watching, water skiing, horseback riding, hunting, scuba diving, golfing and swimming; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that if white water rafting were available in the Kiamichi Mountains, that up to 400,000 additional people would visit southeastern Oklahoma each year; and

WHEREAS, the river below Broken Bow Lake and Dam has natural potential for white water rafting in that at peak flows the river drops 90 feet within one mile, tumbling from the spillway at a rate of up to 200 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, white water rafting is currently prohibited by project operation zones established by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, a reclassification that includes recreational zoning for the Broken Bow area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers would permit white water rafting to be operated by a commercial venture, adding 70 additional jobs to the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate memorializes the United States
Army Corps of Engineers to reclassify the spillway near Broken Bow
Dam to include recreational zoning to permit white water rafting.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State of
Oklahoma's Washington, D. C. office for distribution to the United
States Army Corps of Engineers.

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