ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1109

By: Mass and Erwin of the House

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; directing development of the Southeastern Oklahoma Water Resources Management Plan; providing criteria thereto; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the water resources of the Kiamichi River in Oklahoma are critical to the economic development and quality of life of southeastern Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, efficient management of the Kiamichi River basin can serve the multiple purposes of flood control, water quality, environmental sustainability, water supply and economic development; and

WHEREAS, efficient allocation of water from the Kiamichi River basin can achieve such multiple purposes and serve to support new wastewater and water treatment facilities within southeastern Oklahoma, water supplies outside the Kiamichi basin, and address federal debt repayment issues; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been introduced to assist the State of Oklahoma, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the communities surrounding the Kiamichi River basin in determining an allocation method that will achieve the multiple purposes specified; and

WHEREAS, such federal legislation requires development of a water resources management plan for the Kiamichi River basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports and directs the development of the Southeastern Oklahoma Water Resources Management Plan for the Kiamichi River basin.

THAT the Southeastern Oklahoma Water Resources Management Plan shall identify necessary sustainable long-term water supplies within the basin for flood control, environmental, and water supply purposes, excess water available for export and sale, and potential uses of revenue from such excess water sales for the purposes of improving water quality and environmental conditions within the Kiamichi River basin.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, in conjunction with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, to study the above-stated issues, and to develop the Southeastern Oklahoma Water Resources Management Plan so as to efficiently utilize the water supplies of the Kiamichi River for the benefit of the Kiamichi River basin region and adjacent regions in the state.

THAT the study shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of Enrolled House Concurrent Resolution 1066 of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, and recommendations from the Kiamichi River Basin Water Resources Development Plan, previously prepared by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

THAT the Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall accept proposals for the development of the Kiamichi River Basin, which proposals shall be nonbinding on the state, and shall include a schedule of implementation such that the 1st Session of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature may consider acting upon recommendations from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. Any such proposals shall contain

criteria consistent with all principles established by the Kiamichi River Basin Water Resources Development Plan.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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President of the Senate