

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 16

By: Myers of the Senate

and

DeWitt and Newport of the
House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution showing concern for citizens dependent on the waters of the Chikaskia River and supporting efforts in the State of Kansas to prevent location of any solid waste landfill within five-mile radius of the Chikaskia River; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas is currently in the process of authorizing a permit to build a solid waste landfill in Harper County on a site located within one and one-half miles from the Chikaskia River; and

WHEREAS, the Chikaskia River is the source of drinking water for over twenty thousand Kansas and Oklahoma citizens including the Oklahoma communities of Blackwell and Braman and many rural water districts in Northern Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, citizens dependent on the pristine flowing water of the Chikaskia River are very concerned about the potential danger of contamination caused by locating a landfill so near their source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill McCreary of the Kansas Legislature has proposed legislation which would prohibit a landfill site within a five-mile radius of the Chikaskia River, and on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma who are dependent on this source of drinking water we vow our support for Representative McCreary in his efforts

to protect both our states from dangerous environmental contamination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the members of the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby show our concern for the citizens of Kansas and Oklahoma who are dependent on the waters of the Chikaskia River as the source of their drinking water and voice our support for Representative Bill McCreary in his efforts to enact legislation to prevent the location of any solid waste landfill within a five-mile radius of the Chikaskia River.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the mayors of Braman, Oklahoma and Blackwell, Oklahoma, the Tribal Chief of the Tonkawa Nez Perce Indian Nation and Representative Bill McCreary of the Kansas House of Representatives.

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