

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1029

By: Jones, Rousselot, Derby and  
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Coffee and Brogdon of the  
Senate

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8 A Concurrent Resolution requesting that Congress  
9 allocate sufficient funding for critical maintenance  
10 needs on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas Navigation  
11 System; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma does  
13 understand the importance and economic value of the McClellan-Kerr  
14 Arkansas River Navigation System to the State of Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma also  
16 understands the importance of properly maintaining the system's  
17 infrastructure to prevent failures and emergency closures of the  
18 system; and

19 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has not received sufficient  
20 funding in the past several years to properly maintain the system;  
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22 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers was forced to defer timely and  
23 needed preventive maintenance for lack of funds; and  
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1       WHEREAS, the twenty most critical maintenance projects now will  
2 cost an estimated \$80 million to properly address, and all deferred  
3 maintenance will cost an estimated \$162 million to accomplish; and

4       WHEREAS, there is a 50% chance of failure of any or all of the  
5 twenty critical projects in the next five years; and

6       WHEREAS, closure of the system will cost Oklahoma industries and  
7 shippers \$1.3 million for every day the system remains closed.

8       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11       THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma urgently requests  
12 that the Congress of the United States immediately allocate  
13 sufficient funding for all critical maintenance needs on the  
14 McClellan-Kerr Arkansas Navigation System to bolster America's  
15 essential waterway transportation system for this and future  
16 generations.

17       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to President  
18 Barack Obama, President of the Senate, Joseph Biden, Speaker of the  
19 House, Nancy Pelosi, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional  
20 delegation.

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