

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1044

By: Bengé and DeWitt of the
House

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5 Coffee and Myers of the
Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution designating February 9, 2010,
10 "Water Appreciation Day" at the State Capitol;
11 encouraging recognition of the value and significance
12 of water resources; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's water is a unique and precious resource that
14 binds all Oklahomans to a rich past and promising future; and

15 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 1,400 square miles of water in lakes and
16 ponds, 320 million acre-feet of water stored in its major aquifers,
17 and 167,000 miles of rivers and streams, making it a state abundant
18 in water resources. No natural resource is as vital to the welfare
19 of Oklahoma as clean, accessible water, of which more than 1.5
20 trillion gallons are used every day throughout the state; and

21 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to
22 Oklahoma due to its value to state industry and commerce, aquatic
23 and wildlife species, and vibrant tourism industry in Oklahoma; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan serves as the
2 roadmap for water development and protection for the state and the
3 ongoing update of the Water Plan is unprecedented in its scope and
4 significance and will serve as the primary guidance document for
5 numerous state and federal water agencies and organizations in the
6 management and protection of the water resources of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, last year, the Financial Assistance Programs of the
8 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the principal water and related
9 infrastructure development mechanism for the state, reached and
10 exceeded the two-billion-dollar milestone in approved loans and
11 grants to Oklahoma communities and water systems, and further
12 maximized its infrastructure financing authority by leveraging 62
13 Million Dollars in 2009 federal American Recovery and Reinvestment
14 Act stimulus funds to underwrite construction of 55 water and
15 wastewater projects, resulting in more than 158 Million Dollars in
16 interest rate savings to Oklahoma communities.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance
21 of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates February 9,
22 2010, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and
23 urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of
24 the water resources in Oklahoma.

