

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1029

By: Jones, Rousselot and Derby
of the House

5 and

6 Coffee and Brogdon of the
7 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma does
16 understand the importance and economic value of the McClellan-Kerr
17 Arkansas River Navigation System to the State of Oklahoma; and

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

22 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers has not received sufficient
23 funding in the past several years to properly maintain the system;
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1 WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers was forced to defer timely and
2 needed preventive maintenance for lack of funds; and

3 WHEREAS, the twenty most critical maintenance projects now will
4 cost an estimated \$80 million to properly address, and all deferred
5 maintenance will cost an estimated \$162 million to accomplish; and

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

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

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

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

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

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