

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1044

By: Bengé and DeWitt of the
House

5 and

6 Coffee and Myers of the
7 Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to
24 Oklahoma due to its value to state industry and commerce, aquatic

1 and wildlife species and wildlife, and vibrant tourism industry in
2 Oklahoma; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan serves as the
4 roadmap for water development and protection for the state and the
5 ongoing update of the Water Plan is unprecedented in its scope and
6 significance and will serve as the primary guidance document for
7 numerous state and federal water agencies and organizations in the
8 management and protection of the water resources of the state; and

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

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

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance
23 of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates February 9,
24 2010, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and

1 urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of
2 the water resources in Oklahoma.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive
4 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for distribution to
5 the organizations participating in "Water Appreciation Day" at the
6 Oklahoma State Capitol.

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