

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 22

By: Garrison, Brogdon, Burrage
and Justice of the Senate

5 and

6 Faught, Jones, Derby and
7 Rousselot of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of
11 maintaining the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River
12 Navigation System; supporting sufficient funding; and
13 directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has not
15 received sufficient funding in the past several years to properly
16 maintain the McClellan-Kerr River Navigation System; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers was forced to
18 defer timely and needed preventive maintenance for lack of funds;
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20 WHEREAS, the twenty most critical maintenance projects now will
21 cost an estimated \$80 million to properly address, and all deferred
22 maintenance will cost an estimated \$162 million to accomplish; and

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

1 WHEREAS, the closure of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River
2 Navigation System will cost Oklahoma industries and shippers \$1.3
3 million for every day the system remains closed.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
5 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature understands the importance
8 and economic value of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation
9 System to the State of Oklahoma and the importance of properly
10 maintaining the system's infrastructure to prevent failures and
11 emergency closures of the system.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports sufficient funding
13 by Congress to properly maintain and correct this disturbing backlog
14 of critical, deferred maintenance on the McClellan-Kerr River
15 Navigation System in a timely manner.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the United
17 States Army Corps of Engineers and the Oklahoma Congressional
18 delegation.

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