HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1022 By: Richardson

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating February 13, 2012, Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol; encouraging recognition of the value and significance of water resources; and directing distribution.

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

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

WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to Oklahoma due to its value to public health, industry and commerce,

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aquatic and wildlife species, and vibrant tourism industry in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, formally presented to the Oklahoma Legislature on February 13, 2012, is unprecedented in its scope and significance and will serve as the primary guide for the management and protection of Oklahoma's water resources for the next 50 years and beyond.

WHEREAS, last year the Financial Assistance Programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the principal water and wastewater infrastructure financing mechanism for the state, exceeded the two-billion-six-hundred-million-dollar milestone in approved loans and grants to Oklahoma communities and water systems by leveraging over $150,000,000.00 in 2011 to underwrite construction of 50 water and wastewater projects, resulting in more than $60,000,000.00 in savings to Oklahoma communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates February 13, 2012, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of the water resources in Oklahoma.

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THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for distribution to the state environmental agencies and organizations participating in "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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