

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 32

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4 Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,
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7 Jolley, Justice, Loveless,
Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey,
8 Newberry, Paddack, Schulz,
Sharp, Shaw, Shortey,
9 Shumate, Simpson, Sparks,
Standridge, Stanislowski,
10 Sykes and Wyrick of the
Senate

11
12 and

13 McDaniel (Curtis) of the
House

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15 A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to
16 direct the United States Geological Survey to conduct
a master multi-state study of the Red River Watershed
17 Basin; and directing distribution.

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19 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma hereby encourages our neighboring
20 states of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana to join with us in urging
21 the United States Congress to direct the United States Geological
22 Survey (USGS), a federal natural resource scientific advisory agency
23 without regulatory powers, to commence a master multi-state study of
24 the Red River and its watershed basin to model the water flows'

1 quantity and quality along the entire 1,161 miles of the upper,
2 middle and lower Red River Basin and the entire 65,590 square mile
3 watershed basin from the Red River's beginning near Hollis,
4 Oklahoma, to its termination above Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, previous surveys of the Red River were conducted in the
6 early 1970's, and updating this information would be of great
7 benefit to the citizens in the entire watershed basin area by
8 scientifically answering many questions, such as: Are there surplus
9 waters available for transfer from the middle Red River Basin area,
10 and if so, where, when and in what quantities? In addition, such a
11 study could measure by use of water quality and quantity gauge
12 stations along the entire course of the Red River to help determine
13 the causes and effects of natural and man-made water pollution and
14 salinity issues and assess future and current beneficiary uses of
15 surface and interconnected ground waters by the four states in the
16 Red River Watershed Basin; and

17 WHEREAS, the findings resulting from the requested USGS master
18 multi-state study of the Red River and its watershed basin should
19 greatly assist each of the four states in smarter water management
20 and ecological protection, especially during years of reoccurring
21 droughts.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
23 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the United
2 States Congress to direct the United States Geological Survey (USGS)
3 to undertake a master multi-state study of the Red River and its
4 watershed basin located within the four states of Oklahoma, Texas,
5 Arkansas and Louisiana and further urges the Legislatures of Texas,
6 Arkansas and Louisiana to join with Oklahoma to support this request
7 on behalf of all citizens living in the Red River Basin.

8 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Acting
9 Director of USGS, Suzette Kimball, the members of the Oklahoma
10 congressional delegation and the Governors of Oklahoma, Texas,
11 Arkansas and Louisiana.

12 Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2014.

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