

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1005

By: Armes

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution designating March 19, 2013,
10 Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol;
11 encouraging recognition of the value and significance
12 of water resources; and directing distribution.

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to
22 Oklahoma due to its value to public health, industry and commerce,
23 aquatic and wildlife species, and a vibrant tourism industry in
24 Oklahoma; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water
2 Plan is unprecedented in its study of the current and future water
3 demands, water and wastewater infrastructure needs and priority
4 water management issues of the state and the legislative initiatives
5 arising from the Plan will guide the management and protection of
6 Oklahoma's water resources for the next 50 years and beyond; and

7 WHEREAS, the financial assistance programs of the Oklahoma Water
8 Resources Board, the principal water and wastewater infrastructure
9 financing mechanism for the state, will soon exceed the three-
10 billion-dollar milestone in approved loans and grants to Oklahoma
11 communities and water systems, resulting in more than one billion
12 dollars in savings to Oklahoma communities since the inception of
13 the programs in 1983.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance
18 of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates March 19,
19 2013, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and
20 urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of
21 the water resources in Oklahoma.

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

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