

1                                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   CONCURRENT  
6   RESOLUTION NO. 32

By: Ellis, Aldridge, Allen,  
Anderson, Ballenger,  
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,  
Boggs, Branan, Brecheen,  
Brinkley, Brooks, Brown,  
Burrage, Coates, Crain,  
Dahm, David, Fields, Ford,  
Garrison, Griffin,  
Halligan, Ivester, Johnson  
(Constance), Johnson (Rob),  
Jolley, Justice, Loveless,  
Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey,  
Newberry, Paddack, Schulz,  
Sharp, Shaw, Shortey,  
Shumate, Simpson, Sparks,  
Standridge, Stanislowski,  
Sykes and Wyrick of the  
Senate

and

McDaniel (Curtis) of the  
House

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

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma hereby encourages our neighboring  
states of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana to join with us in urging  
the United States Congress to direct the United States Geological

1 Survey (USGS), a federal natural resource scientific advisory agency  
2 without regulatory powers, to commence a master multi-state study of  
3 the Red River and its watershed basin to model the water flows'  
4 quantity and quality along the entire 1,161 miles of the upper,  
5 middle and lower Red River Basin and the entire 65,590 square mile  
6 watershed basin from the Red River's beginning near Hollis,  
7 Oklahoma, to its termination above Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

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