

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

A RESOLUTION urging the United States army corps of engineers and the Kansas congressional delegation to approve a plan made by the state of Kansas to preserve and extend the life of the United States army corps of engineers administered lakes in the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, The United States army corps of engineers constructed many reservoirs in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Those reservoirs have provided flood control, recreational opportunities and drinking water supplies to more than one million Kansans; and

WHEREAS, The reservoirs represent partnerships between the United States government and the citizens of Kansas and their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, The reservoirs are being adversely impacted by sedimentation that significantly reduces the storage capacity of the reservoirs and such sedimentation is accruing at faster rates than originally projected; and

WHEREAS, The on-going reduction in storage capacity has deleterious effects on water quality, flood control capabilities and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Available and suitable land to construct new reservoirs by the United States army corps of engineers is essentially unavailable; and

WHEREAS, Raising the height of existing dams is largely not feasible because of the economic and political difficulties associated with flooding additional land above the normal reservoir flood plain; and

WHEREAS, The direct and indirect benefits and costs associated with maintaining and preserving these important water impoundments are currently being shared by the United States government and the state of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Much of the water storage capacity in United States army corps of engineers constructed reservoirs in Kansas will be purchased by the people of Kansas with the expectation that their flood control, drinking water supply and recreational function will be viable for many more decades: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the House of Representatives of the state of Kansas recognizes the value and importance of these reservoirs to the federal government, residents of down stream states and the people of Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the House of Representatives of the state of Kansas recognizes the importance of investing wisely to preserve these reservoirs to prevent the devastating floods that occurred prior to their construction; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the House of Representatives of the state of Kansas supports development of a program by which investments by individual states, as approved by the United States army corps of engineers, to preserve the maximum flood control and drinking water supply storage capacity of reservoirs constructed by the United States army corps of engineers shall be considered as payments toward the purchase price of the water storage capacity in the individual reservoirs; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the commanding officer of the United States army corps of engineers, the Kansas congressional delegation and the Governor.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*