

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5032

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress
11 to amend the Flood Control Act of 1944 and Public Law 83-780, re-
12 lating to the authorized purposes of federal reservoirs in the state of
13 Kansas, relating to Perry, Tuttle Creek and Milford reservoirs.

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15 WHEREAS, The Corps of Engineers routinely releases water from
16 Perry, Tuttle Creek and Milford reservoirs in Kansas to support naviga-
17 tion flows on the Missouri River; and

18 WHEREAS, the Flood Control Act of 1944 and Public Law 83-780
19 were passed more than 50 years ago and do not meet the contemporary
20 needs of water users in many parts of the Missouri River Basin including
21 the State of Kansas; and

22 WHEREAS, The amount of water released from Perry, Tuttle Creek
23 and Milford reservoirs may amount to as much as one quarter of the
24 conservation storage of these reservoirs; and

25 WHEREAS, These reservoirs are the primary source of municipal and
26 industrial water supplies for the majority of the State's population; and

27 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the importance of adequate
28 municipal and industrial water supplies to the welfare of the people of
29 Kansas and the State's economy; and

30 WHEREAS, Water-based recreation is an important component of
31 the state and regional economy; and

32 WHEREAS, The release of water from Perry, Tuttle Creek and Mil-
33 ford reservoirs to support navigation flows on the Missouri River places
34 an unacceptable level of risk to existing water supplies and inhibits other
35 uses of these reservoirs; and

36 WHEREAS, Preventing the release of water from these reservoirs for
37 navigation will benefit the Kansas economy: Now, Therefore,

38 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
39 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we urge the United States Congress
40 to amend the Flood Control Act of 1944 and Public Law 83-780 relating
41 to the authorized purposes for Perry, Tuttle Creek and Milford reservoirs
42 to remove the release of water for navigation flows as an authorized pur-
43 pose for these reservoirs.

1 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
2 an enrolled copy of this concurrent resolution to the United States Con-
3 gress; the Kansas Congressional Delegation; Governor Kathleen Sebelius;
4 the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; the Secretary of the
5 Interior; and the Directors of the Missouri River Association of States
6 and Tribes.