

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5013

By Committee on Vision 2020

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing that the appointed
10 United States Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works should
11 form a relationship with and continue to partner with the State of
12 Kansas in order to protect, preserve and extend the productive lives
13 of reservoirs in Kansas.

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15 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas, working by and through the Kansas
16 Water Office and other agencies of the State of Kansas has developed
17 sound, productive working relationships with the United States Army
18 Corps of Engineers and the United States Assistant Secretary of the Army
19 for Civil Works for water resource issues within the purview of those
20 entities that are important to the State of Kansas; and

21 WHEREAS, The reservoirs in Kansas were originally built with a pro-
22 jected lifespan of 100 years or less and many of those reservoirs are ap-
23 proaching or have past the halfway point of that original design life; and

24 WHEREAS, Kansas reservoirs built by the United States Army Corps
25 of Engineers are an important source of water supplies directly and in-
26 directly to approximately 65 percent of Kansans and those reservoirs are
27 facing sedimentation and other issues as they age; and

28 WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers has not in-
29 cluded public water supply as an organizational mission, purpose or goal
30 of the Corps of Engineers; and

31 WHEREAS, The importance of reservoirs as public water supply re-
32 sources to Kansas is vital to the vitality of Kansas now and in the future;
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34 WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers should in-
35 clude such a public water supply preservation and protection mission at
36 Kansas reservoirs to insure that public water supply sources in reservoirs
37 are protected and maintained and take all necessary and prudent action
38 to protect the reservoirs as a public water supply resources; and

39 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has enjoyed a good working relation-
40 ship with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to address
41 reservoir issues and other issues falling within the purview of Assistant
42 Secretary of the Army for Civil Works: Now, therefore,

43 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*

1 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Kansas Legislature calls upon the
2 newly appointed Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to form
3 a working relationship with the State of Kansas to address any and all
4 issues falling within the purview of the Assistant Secretary of the Army
5 for Civil Works to work to extend the productive lives of reservoirs and
6 to continue the work that has begun in those reservoirs of the State of
7 Kansas.

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for
9 Civil Works should work with the state of Kansas to identify appropriate
10 changes to the Corps of Engineers to include water supply as a key mis-
11 sion and direct the Corps of Engineers to develop plans to extend the
12 useful lives of the reservoirs past their original design life.

13 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to send
14 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Assistant Secretary of the Army
15 for Civil Works, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and
16 each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation.