

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5013

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

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

WHEREAS, The reservoirs in Kansas were originally built with a projected lifespan of 100 years or less and many of those reservoirs are approaching or have passed the halfway point of that original design life; and

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

WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers has not included public water supply as an organizational mission, purpose or goal of the Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, The importance of reservoirs as public water supply resources to Kansas is vital to the vitality of Kansas now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army Corps of Engineers should include such a public water supply preservation and protection mission at Kansas reservoirs to insure that public water supply sources in reservoirs are protected and maintained and take all necessary and prudent action to protect the reservoirs as a public water supply resources; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to address reservoir issues and other issues falling within the purview of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein:* That the Kansas Legislature calls upon the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to form a working relationship with the State of Kansas to address any and all issues falling within the purview of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to work to extend the productive lives of reservoirs and to continue the work that has begun in those reservoirs of the State of Kansas.

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

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT 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.*

Adopted by the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*