Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
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, Stanislawski, 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 Survey (USGS), a federal natural resource scientific advisory agency without regulatory powers, to commence a master multi-state study of the Red River and its watershed basin to model the water flows'

quantity and quality along the entire 1,161 miles of the upper, middle and lower Red River Basin and the entire 65,590 square mile watershed basin from the Red River's beginning near Hollis, Oklahoma, to its termination above Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of March, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 26th day of March, 20 14, at 3:11 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Benge