Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 13

By: Schulz, Allen, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bice, Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack, Pittman, Quinn, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick, and Yen of the Senate

and

McBride, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Brown, Brumbaugh, Caldwell, Calvey, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody (Ann), Coody (Jeff), Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, Dunlap, Dunnington, Echols, Enns, Faught, Fisher, Fourkiller, Grau, Griffith, Hall, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Inman, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kannady, Kern, Kirby, Kouplen, Leewright, Lepak, Lockhart, Loring, Martin, Matthews, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McPeak, Montgomery, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murdock, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Park,

Perryman, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rogers, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Scott, Sears, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Stone, Strohm, Tadlock, Thomsen, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood, Wright, and Young of the House

A Concurrent Resolution designating March 11, 2015, Water Appreciation Day at the State Capitol; encouraging recognition of the value and significance of water resources; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's water is a unique and precious resource that binds all Oklahomans to a rich past and promising future; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has 1,400 square miles of water in lakes and ponds, 320 million acre-feet of water stored in its major aquifers, and 167,000 miles of rivers and streams, making it a state abundant in water resources. No natural resource is as vital to the welfare of Oklahoma as clean, accessible water, of which more than 1.5 trillion gallons are used every day throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the proper care and management of water is vital to Oklahoma due to its value to public health, industry and commerce, aquatic and wildlife species, and a vibrant tourism industry in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP) remains unprecedented in its review of the state's current and future water demands, water and wastewater infrastructure needs, and priority water management issues. Several

legislative initiatives have arisen from the recommendations contained in the OCWP to guide the management and protection of Oklahoma's water resources for the next 50 years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, one such legislative initiative resulting from the OCWP was the passage of House Bill 3055 (the Water For 2060 Act) in 2012, which made Oklahoma the first state in the nation to establish a bold, statewide goal of consuming no more fresh water in 2060 than was consumed in 2012 while preserving Oklahoma's population growth and economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Assistance Programs of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the principal water and wastewater infrastructure financing mechanism for the state, have exceeded the three-billion-dollar milestone in approved loans and grants to Oklahoma communities and water systems, resulting in more than one billion dollars in savings to Oklahoma communities since 1983.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature, recognizing the importance of water interests to the State of Oklahoma, designates March 11, 2015, "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol and urges all Oklahoma citizens to respect the value and significance of the water resources in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for distribution to the state environmental agencies and organizations participating in "Water Appreciation Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of March, 2015.

Nathan Dahm

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2015.

Lee R. Dykstra

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 17th day of March, 2015, at 2:36 o'clock P. M.

By: C. Benge