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1 royalties are deposited in the federal reclamation fund each
2 year; and

3 WHEREAS, congress should be urged to appropriate New
4 Mexico's contribution to the federal reclamation fund for
5 projects to alleviate the state's chronic water shortage;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that representatives from the office of
8 the governor, the state land office, the public regulation
9 commission and the office of the state engineer be requested
10 to form a task force to study the feasibility of buying water
11 rights to the Mississippi river, building a pipeline from that
12 river to New Mexico to transfer the water and storing that
13 water in reservoirs and aquifers in New Mexico to meet its
14 water needs; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
16 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative
17 committee during the 2003 interim; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the office of the governor, the state land
20 office, the public regulation commission and the office of the
21 state engineer.