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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 77

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

G. X. MCSHERRY

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WORK OF  
THE NEW MEXICO-TEXAS WATER COMMISSION THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION  
OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE WATER USERS ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, the legislature understands the vital importance  
of the water to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that since 1980, southern  
New Mexico has been involved in interstate problems with regard  
to water with the city of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, over a decade of litigation with the city of El  
Paso over the export of New Mexico ground water was resolved  
with a settlement agreement, which led to the formation of the  
New Mexico-Texas water commission; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico-Texas water commission's ongoing  
goal is the study of the scarce water resources of the region

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1 and planning for the future utilization of the water resources;  
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3 WHEREAS, the major local public entities dealing with water  
4 in southern New Mexico, including the Elephant Butte irrigation  
5 district, New Mexico state university, city of Las Cruces,  
6 Anthony water and sanitation district, village of Hatch, town of  
7 Mesilla and Dona Ana county, participate on the commission  
8 through a group formed and known as the lower Rio Grande water  
9 users organization; and

10 WHEREAS, the public entities in the lower Rio Grande water  
11 users organization have cooperated in resource studies and  
12 planning, which transcends jurisdictional boundaries, still  
13 respecting the mission, roles, water and other rights of each  
14 public entity; and

15 WHEREAS, the lower Rio Grande water users organization  
16 supports funding projects of the New Mexico-Texas water  
17 commission that will benefit southern New Mexico;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature recognize and commend  
20 the work of the New Mexico-Texas water commission in its efforts  
21 to plan for the future for the utilization of its scarce water  
22 resources and that it support funding for the commission, which  
23 will benefit the citizens of southern New Mexico through the  
24 lower Rio Grande water users organization.

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,  
to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 22, strike "funding for" and insert  
"efforts of".

2. On page 2, line 23, strike the word "southern".,

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Respectfully submitted,

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G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Porter

Absent: None

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10 Mr. President:

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Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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