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H.C.R.

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By: House Agriculture and Economic Development Committee

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF H.R. 764 OF THE 101ST CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has abundant supplies of surface water which now leave the state virtually unused; and

WHEREAS, ground water in some areas is being pumped up to seventeen per cent faster than it is being recharged and ground water quality is being degraded such that the water is not suitable for many purposes; and

WHEREAS, agricultural irrigation is a major use of ground water; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission in the Arkansas Water Plan has identified on farm storage of surplus surface water as a part of a possible solution to the ground water problems; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Beryl Anthony, Jr., of the Fourth District of Arkansas, has introduced in the 101st Congress, House of Representatives Bill 764, which would allow any reduced acreage, set-aside acreage, and additional diverted acreage under the Agricultural Act of 1949 to be devoted to on-farm water storage;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is in support of House of Representatives Bill 764 and encourages the United States Congress to enact HR 764, the same being in consort with the Arkansas Water Plan's development of surface water sources to replace ground water use.