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By: House Agriculture and Economic Development Committee

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in portions of Southeast Arkansas, salt levels in ground water are unsuitable for long-term use for irrigation of crops; and

WHEREAS, storage of excess surface water is an alternative to use of ground water; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Beryl Anthony, Jr., of the Fourth District of Arkansas has proposed the Southeast Arkansas Water Conservation Demonstration Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project would help alleviate the salt water irrigation problem, while protecting the underground aquifer system, preserving prime farmland for the future and enhancing the habitat for fish and wildlife in Southeast Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Project would provide a demonstration of the value of using surface water in order to relieve the demand on the limited ground water resource to the state and the rest of the Mississippi River Valley;

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 the development and implementation of the Southeast Arkansas Water Conservation Demonstration Project and encourages the United States Congress,

President of the United States, and Secretary of the Agriculture of the United States to take all steps necessary to implement the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas would encourage the Governor of the State and the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission to provide the project with all necessary assistance on behalf of the State of Arkansas.