

1 *As Amended by Senate Committee*

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3 *As Amended by House Committee*

4 *Session of 2001*

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6 **House Concurrent Resolution No. 5009**

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8 By Committee on Environment

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12 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Congress of the United
13 States to address the conservation and preservation of the High Plains
14 Aquifer.

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16 WHEREAS, The High Plains Aquifer is the most important water
17 resource in the eight-state High Plains Region, including Kansas; and

18 WHEREAS, ~~The~~ **Portions of the** water tables of the High Plains Aquifer in Kansas, particularly in the Ogallala ~~portion~~ **region**, have declined dramatically over the past four decades; and

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21 WHEREAS, The projected depletion of the High Plains Aquifer ~~will~~
22 **may** require the necessary transition to dryland farming for many areas
23 of Kansas; and

24 WHEREAS, The State is addressing the groundwater depletion
25 through conservation programs and new management approaches; and

26 WHEREAS, The federal farm program has a significant impact on
27 farmers' agricultural practices; and

28 WHEREAS, Some of the farm program costs to the government could
29 be transferred as incentives to the farmers to convert irrigated land to
30 dryland and other conservation actions ~~instead of price supports for excess~~
31 ~~productions~~; and

32 WHEREAS, Much of the western Kansas economy is based on irri-
33 gated agriculture, and assistance is needed to ~~transition the economy as~~
34 ~~well as~~ conserve and preserve the High Plains Aquifer: Now, therefore,

35 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
36 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature of the State of Kan-
37 sas urges the Congress of the United States to ~~take action~~ **appropriate**
38 **funds through the federal farm program to assist states** to conserve
39 and preserve the High Plains Aquifer consistent with the recommenda-
40 tion contained in the Kansas Water Office Committee Report on Federal
41 Actions Necessary for the Conservation and Environmental Preservation
42 of the High Plains Aquifer dated October 27, 2000; and

43 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send

1 enrolled copies of this resolution and the Committee Report to the Pres-
2 ident of the United States, George W. Bush; Senator Richard G. Lugar,
3 Chairman, United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition
4 and Forestry, Room 328A, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington,
5 D.C. 20510-6000; Representative Larry Combest, Chairman, United
6 States House Committee on Agriculture, 1301 House Office Building,
7 Washington, D.C. 20515; **Senator Robert Smith, Chairman, United**
8 **States Senate Committee on Environment, 410 Dirksen Senate Of-**
9 **ice Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative James Han-**
10 **sen, Chairman, United States House Committee on Resources, 1324**
11 **Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;** The
12 United States Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman; and each mem-
13 ber of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

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