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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12-021

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARKER**
102 **WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE**
103 **RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR.**

1 WHEREAS, An adequate supply of high-quality water is essential
2 for the economy, sustainable growth, and quality of life for residents of
3 Parker, Colorado; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado has a semi-arid climate and is prone to
5 periodic droughts, which means it must carefully conserve its limited
6 supply of water and reuse as much as possible; and

7 WHEREAS, Douglas County and the south metropolitan Denver
8 area are especially vulnerable to drought and water supply shortages, and
9 the Parker area is dependent on groundwater from its nonrenewable

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1 aquifer; and

2 WHEREAS, Parker Water and Sanitation District (Parker Water),
3 founded in 1962, originally served 100 residents with one well, but now,
4 at its 50-year anniversary, serves 45,000 citizens with 36 wells; and

5 WHEREAS, Parker Water is a leading Colorado water provider
6 with well-developed programs in conservation, water education, water
7 reuse, and efforts to develop renewable water resources; and

8 WHEREAS, After more than 25 years of planning, including 9
9 years of environmental permitting and 8 years of construction, the 72,000
10 acre-foot Rueter-Hess Reservoir is now completed and ready to fill; and

11 WHEREAS, Rueter-Hess Reservoir is the first major reservoir
12 built in the Front Range in recent decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Rueter-Hess Reservoir will provide a water
14 management tool for Parker Water that will store storm water, capture
15 and reuse water, and help preserve the aquifer by storing available water
16 flows for use in dry years and during peak summer usage; and

17 WHEREAS, Adding water storage in the south metro area is an
18 issue of regional and statewide importance; now, therefore,

19 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly*
20 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

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22 That the General Assembly congratulates Parker Water and
23 Sanitation District:

24 (1) On its foresight and persistence in planning and constructing
25 Rueter-Hess Reservoir; and

26 (2) On its 50-year anniversary of providing reliable and quality
27 water service to the citizens of the south metro area.

28 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be
29 sent to Frank Jaeger, District Manager, Parker Water and Sanitation
30 District.