



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12-021

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Parker Water and Sanitation District (Parker Water),

founded in 1962, originally served 100 residents with one well, but now, at its 50-year anniversary, serves 45,000 citizens with 36 wells; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Parker Water and Sanitation District:

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

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

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

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