

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, More than 10,000 years ago, the Lone Star State's  
2 first settlers were drawn to this land by its bountiful springs,  
3 rivers, bays, estuaries, and aquifers, all of which contributed to  
4 make Texas a place of richly diverse ecosystems, with landscapes  
5 teeming with wildlife and abundant harvests of agricultural and  
6 aquacultural crops; and

7           WHEREAS, Today, water resources remain of critical  
8 importance to the continued prosperity, stability, and very  
9 existence of our state; as the Texas population grows, we face new  
10 challenges each year to ensure that water remains a fairly  
11 distributed common resource, to be used for the benefit and  
12 enjoyment of all members of the public; and

13           WHEREAS, Water quality is of tantamount concern as well, for  
14 continued pollution of our state's rivers, lakes, aquifers, and  
15 reservoirs will lead to higher prices for consumers, mounting costs  
16 for municipalities, destruction of wildlife habitat, and increased  
17 health risks to Texas citizens; by protecting the water resources  
18 with which we have been so blessed, we are helping to ensure the  
19 continued physical and economic well-being of Lone Star State  
20 citizens; and

21           WHEREAS, Fair access to clean, plentiful water is a basic  
22 human right, one of fundamental importance to every civilization,  
23 and its continued availability must be secured if future  
24 generations of Texans will enjoy the same prosperity, safety, and

1 good health we do today; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby recognize the importance of the Lone Star  
4 State's precious water resources and encourage all Texans to help  
5 conserve, reclaim, and protect this vital natural resource in  
6 Texas.

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H.R. No. 367

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 367 was adopted by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House