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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas Water Development Board estimates that by  
2 2050 current water sources will fall short of meeting demand by 7.5  
3 million acre-feet per year, affecting 900 cities representing 38  
4 percent of the projected population; such a staggering shortfall  
5 would undoubtedly hold dire consequences for the people and economy  
6 of the State of Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, To prepare for the growing water needs of Texas,  
8 studies have been conducted to identify sites favorable for the  
9 construction of reservoirs; one such site, located on the Neches  
10 River in Cherokee and Anderson Counties, merits consideration for  
11 the construction of a dam and reservoir by virtue of the storage and  
12 conservation advantages the location would afford the burgeoning  
13 population in the region and the state; and

14           WHEREAS, The construction and development of such a project  
15 and the associated use of the unappropriated flows of the Neches  
16 River are in the public interest and would certainly constitute a  
17 beneficial use of the water; in fact, analyses indicate that the  
18 firm yield of Fastrill Reservoir may range from 140,000 acre-feet  
19 per year to 155,000 acre-feet per year; and

20           WHEREAS, As a result, expected beneficiaries of the  
21 dependable water supply afforded by the development of the Fastrill  
22 Reservoir include users in Anderson, Cherokee, Henderson, and Smith  
23 Counties, as well as the City of Dallas; projections that  
24 population growth in the region will reach 50 percent highlight the

1 importance of the development of Fastrill Reservoir; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to the water storage and conservation  
3 advantages related to the Fastrill site, the associated economic  
4 development opportunities and potential increase in property value  
5 for communities in rural East Texas cannot be ignored; and

6 WHEREAS, Clearly, the Fastrill Reservoir Regional Water  
7 Supply Project is a critical resource that can help meet the water  
8 supply requirements of the region and state while offering  
9 additional economic benefits to the surrounding area; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 79th Texas Legislature, 2nd  
12 Called Session, express its support for the site known as Fastrill  
13 Reservoir, located on the Neches River in Cherokee and Anderson  
14 Counties, as a key component of the state's water conservation  
15 plan.