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H.R. No. 1798

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The North Texas Municipal Water District has
2 received the 2011 Texas Environmental Excellence Award for water
3 conservation; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by the Texas Commission on
5 Environmental Quality, the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards
6 celebrate the bold efforts of citizens, communities, businesses,
7 and organizations to preserve and protect the state's environment;
8 the awards are presented each spring in diverse categories across
9 the public and private sectors; and

10 WHEREAS, The North Texas Municipal Water District, which
11 provides services to more than 1.6 million area residents, is
12 meeting the growing demand for water through a unique, natural
13 solution; its East Fork Wetland Project in Kaufman County diverts
14 water from the east fork of the Trinity River and uses plants, not
15 machinery, to remove sediment, nitrogen, and other elements by
16 routing the water through approximately 1,840 acres of wetland
17 habitat; the cleansed water is then pumped to Lake Lavon for storage
18 and water supply use; the project is expected to eventually provide
19 enough water to serve a half-million people per year; and

20 WHEREAS, One of the largest constructed wetlands in the
21 United States, the East Fork Wetland also provides enhanced
22 habitats for wildlife, and in 2010, the water district constructed
23 the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, an educational facility that
24 promotes research in water quality and supply, wildlife management,

1 and wetland systems; and

2 WHEREAS, The district supplemented its development of new
3 raw-water supplies by becoming the first entity to implement the
4 Texas Water Development Board's Water IQ public awareness program;
5 responding to the worst drought conditions in a half-century, this
6 campaign helped curb projected peak-day water consumption by an
7 estimated 200 million gallons a day in 2006, and consumption has
8 remained below the expected water demand despite population growth;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, With its innovative strategies to use reclaimed
11 water and enact important water conservation programs, the North
12 Texas Municipal Water District is demonstrating exemplary
13 stewardship of our state's natural resources, and it is indeed
14 worthy of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the North Texas Municipal Water
17 District on its receipt of the 2011 Texas Environmental Excellence
18 Award for water conservation and that all those associated with the
19 East Fork Wetland Project and the Water IQ program be commended for
20 their outstanding work; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the district as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.