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H.R. No. 921

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Water System has implemented
2 creative water preservation policies that are benefiting its entire
3 region, and these successful initiatives are gaining wide praise;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 2012, SAWS received a Blue Legacy award,
6 presented to municipal water suppliers that have made significant
7 strides in ensuring wise water use by emphasizing conservation to
8 meet increased demand; SAWS was commended for its strategy that
9 emphasizes education and outreach, reasonable regulation, and
10 financial incentives to reduce water use; the utility was also
11 recognized for establishing a special citizen advisory council to
12 represent ratepayers and provide feedback on fair and reasonable
13 charges; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2011, SAWS was the recipient of a Texas
15 Environmental Excellence Award in recognition of its Wastewater
16 Trifecta, a project to develop environmentally beneficial uses for
17 water, biosolids, and waste gas that are the major by-products of
18 the city's wastewater treatment process; and

19 WHEREAS, The cumulative effect of these and numerous other
20 endeavors to promote water conservation has been to lower the
21 amount of water used in the city each day; less water use has meant
22 reduced water pumping, which has helped to protect the Edwards
23 Aquifer and to preserve habitats for endangered species; and

24 WHEREAS, By developing solutions that result in reduced use

1 and conservation of water, the San Antonio Water System has
2 demonstrated that it is a good steward of this vital yet limited
3 resource, and it is setting an outstanding example that cities
4 throughout the state can follow; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend SAWS for developing innovative
7 strategies to address critical issues surrounding water shortages
8 and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere
9 best wishes for continued success with their important work; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the San Antonio Water System as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.