

R E S O L U T I O N
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, our friend and associate, Mr. Charles L. "Tommy" Thomson passed away on October 25, 1994 after a sudden, but mercifully brief illness; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson devoted his life to the well being and prosperity of all residents of the Arkansas River Valley, and in a singularly clear and open manner to the well being of his state, his country, and to mankind; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson was a patriot, a Marine serving in the Pacific, injured at Iwo Jima and again in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson was a civic leader, and a leading citizen, leading with grace, dignity, courage, and obvious good will; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson was a guiding force in the successful implementation of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project which has improved the lives of many people in the Valley, for each of us in this arid part of the world recognizes the need and benefit from an improved and reliable system for the importation of quantities of pure water; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson served as General Manager of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for 28 years and in that capacity he maintained peace and harmony among strong and powerful men with strong and powerful personalities in a manner that only Tommy could maintain; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson represented Pueblo, the Southeastern District, and the State of Colorado on committees, boards, and organizations to numerous to remember, let alone mention, it is important for this Administration to note his participation and leadership with the Arkansas River Basin Interstate Committee and the Arkansas Basin Development Association, serving as Chairman and President of those respective organizations in 1994, because it demonstrates the cooperative and collegial manner in which Tommy worked with people from all states and the high regard with which his peers in the participating states held him; and

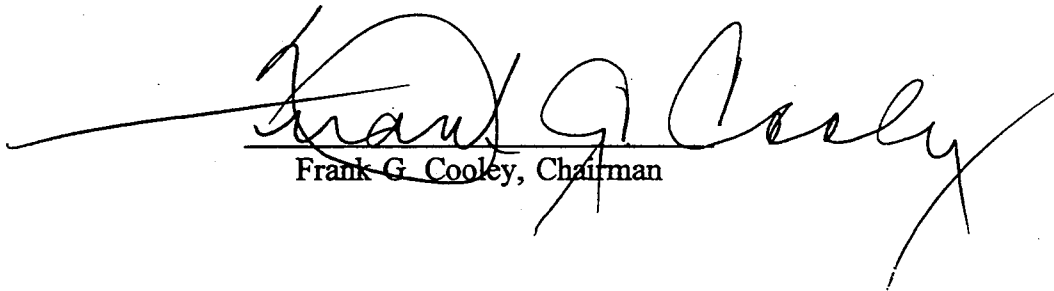
WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson was well known and respected in the many capacities in which he served to represent the interests of the Arkansas River Basin and will be sorely missed by all those who came to know him; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Thomson ably and steadfastly represented his constituents and the Basin's interests with fairness and in a gentlemanly manner during his association with the Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arkansas River Compact Administration that it does hereby express its sincerest condolences to Mr. Thomson's family and its gratitude and appreciation for having had the great pleasure to have known and worked with Tommy and for his outstanding service, dedication, and courtesy to the Administration and to the States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration honor Mr. Thomson by including this Resolution in the Administration's 1994 Annual Report and instruct the Recording Secretary to send a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Thomson's family.

Entered this 13th day of December, 1994, at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration held in Lamar, Colorado.



Frank G. Cooley, Chairman