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RESOLUTION

OF THE

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Honoring Mr. Frank G. Cooley

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank G. Cooley has ended his tenure as the federal representative and chairman of the Arkansas River Compact Administration after twenty distinguished years and nineteen skillfully conducted Annual Meetings; and

WHEREAS, his wit, charm, and genuine concern for the Arkansas River basin will be sorely missed by water users and officials from the States of Kansas and Colorado; and

WHEREAS, his length of service to the Administration as the federal representative and chairman far exceeds any of his predecessors; and

WHEREAS, he guided the Administration through difficult as well as productive times with courtesy and a sincere desire to foster interstate comity; and

WHEREAS, he used his skills as a scientist to foster a better understanding amongst all in the basin of the physical system of the Arkansas River and the importance of careful stewardship of the precious resources the river provides in the arid climate of the Great American Desert; and

WHEREAS, he was an outspoken advocate of the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment and the recreation and fishery resources of the basin, in particular the permanent pool at John Martin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, he used his skills as an attorney to make sure that all issues were fully heard and that both states had full opportunity to articulate their positions in a civil manner, while also knowing when to foreclose needless debate; and

WHEREAS, his perseverance and desire to conserve the precious waters of the Arkansas River helped water users in both States and the State members of the Administration to work diligently to develop the 1980 Operating Plan for John Martin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Frank Cooley represented the United States and the federal agencies working in the basin's interests with loyalty to his country, fairness to his associates, and in a gentlemanly manner at all times during his Chairmanship of the Administration.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Arkansas River Compact Administration that it does hereby express its sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Frank Cooley for the opportunity afforded members of the Administration and water users in the Basin to have known and worked with Frank and for his outstanding service, dedication, and courtesy to the Administration and to the States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration honor Mr. Cooley by including this Resolution and his photograph in the Administration's 1995 Annual Report and instruct the Recording Secretary to send a copy of the Resolution to the President of the United States, to the Governors of Kansas and Colorado, and to the appropriate newspapers.

Entered this 12th day of December, 1995, at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration held in Lamar, Colorado.


Larry E. Trujillo Sr., Chairman