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H. RES. 812

Commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on the 80th anniversary of the unified development of the Tennessee River system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2016

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. BLACK, and Mr. FINCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on the 80th anniversary of the unified development of the Tennessee River system.

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority (in this preamble referred to as the “TVA”) was created by Congress in 1933 to improve navigation along the Tennessee River, reduce the risk of floods and flood damage, provide low-cost electricity, and promote environmental stewardship and economic development in the region;

Whereas the TVA submitted a plan to Congress in March of 1936 to improve navigation of the Tennessee River and to help control flooding in the Tennessee Valley;

Whereas Norris Dam, the first dam constructed by the TVA, began to operate on July 28, 1936;

Whereas the integrated management of the Tennessee River system by the TVA provides a wide range of benefits that include electrical power, reducing floods, improving water quality and supply, enhancing recreation, and protecting public land;

Whereas the TVA has improved navigation of the Tennessee River system and facilitated freight transportation;

Whereas the TVA has reduced the risk of flood damage through the construction of locks, dams, and reservoirs throughout the Tennessee Valley;

Whereas the TVA provides reliable and affordable electricity and has stimulated economic growth;

Whereas the TVA continues to promote economic development by helping companies and communities attract investments that bring good jobs to the Tennessee Valley region; and

Whereas the TVA continues to serve more than 9,000,000 customers in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) commends the Tennessee Valley Authority
3 on the 80th anniversary of the unified development
4 of the Tennessee River system;

5 (2) recognizes the important role of Norris
6 Dam, the first dam constructed by the Tennessee

1 Valley Authority, which was completed on July 28,
2 1936;

3 (3) honors the accomplishments of the Ten-
4 nessee Valley Authority in improving navigation,
5 controlling floods, promoting environmental steward-
6 ship, and providing affordable electricity throughout
7 the Tennessee Valley region;

8 (4) recognizes the Tennessee Valley Authority
9 for its long and proud history of service in the areas
10 of energy, the environment, and economic develop-
11 ment throughout Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mis-
12 sissippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia;
13 and

14 (5) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House
15 of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolu-
16 tion for appropriate display to—

17 (A) the Chairman of the Board of the Ten-
18 nessee Valley Authority, Joe Ritch; and

19 (B) the Chief Executive Officer of the Ten-
20 nessee Valley Authority, William Johnson.

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