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H. CON. RES. 440

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Mexico should adhere to the terms of the 1944 Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande Treaty Between the United States and Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2000

Mr. BONILLA (for himself and Mr. ORTIZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Mexico should adhere to the terms of the 1944 Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande Treaty Between the United States and Mexico.

Whereas the United States and Mexico signed a treaty on water utilization on February 3, 1944, to divide the waters of the Rio Grande and Colorado River systems;

Whereas the treaty required Mexico to deliver a minimum of 350,000 acre feet of water per year on a 5-year average from 6 Mexican tributaries;

Whereas the treaty required the United States to deliver a minimum of 1,500,000 acre feet of water per year from the Colorado River;

Whereas the United States has never failed to meet its obligations under the treaty;

Whereas during the period of 1992–1997, Mexico failed to meet its obligations under the treaty by 1,024,000 acre feet;

Whereas a recent study conducted by the Texas A&M University Agriculture Program has determined the economic impact to south Texas from this water loss due to non-compliance with the treaty at \$441,000,000 per year; and

Whereas the Government of Mexico has not presented any plan to repay its entire water debt as required by the treaty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the President of the United States should
4 promptly utilize the full powers of his office to bring
5 about compliance with the 1944 treaty on water uti-
6 lization in order that the full requirement of water
7 be available for United States use during the next
8 full crop season; and

9 (2) the United States Section of the Inter-
10 national Boundary and Water Commission should
11 work to bring about full compliance with the 1944
12 treaty on water utilization and not accept any water

- 1 debt or deficit repayment plan that does not provide
- 2 for the full repayment of water owed.

