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S. RES. 657

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Hoover Dam.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Hoover Dam.

Whereas the Hoover Dam, a concrete arch-gravity storage dam, was built in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River between the States of Nevada and Arizona, forever changing how water is managed across the West;

Whereas, on September 30, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Hoover Dam;

Whereas the construction of the Hoover Dam created Lake Mead, a reservoir that can store an amount of water that is equal to 2 years average flow of the Colorado River;

Whereas the construction of the Hoover Dam provided vitally critical flood control, water supply, and electrical power and helped to create and support the economic growth and development of the Southwestern United States;

Whereas the Hoover Dam has prevented an estimated \$50,000,000,000 in flood damages in the Lower Colorado River Basin;

Whereas the Hoover Dam provides water for more than 18,000,000 people and 1,000,000 acres of farmland in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada and 500,000 acres of farmland in Mexico, as well as produces an average of 4,000,000,000 kilowatt-hours of hydroelectric power each year;

Whereas the Hoover Dam, an engineering marvel at 726.4 feet from bedrock to crest, was the highest dam in the world at the time the Hoover Dam was constructed;

Whereas the Hoover Dam is an enduring symbol of the ingenuity of the United States and the persistence of hard-working Americans during the Great Depression;

Whereas the Hoover Dam is the model for major water management projects around the world; and

Whereas the Hoover Dam is registered as a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and is considered 1 of 7 modern engineering wonders by the American Society of Civil Engineers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) celebrates and acknowledges the thousands
3 of workers and families that overcame difficult work-
4 ing conditions and great challenges to make con-
5 struction of the Hoover Dam possible;

1 (2) celebrates and acknowledges the economic,
2 cultural, and historic significance of the Hoover
3 Dam;

4 (3) recognizes the past, present, and future
5 benefits of the construction of the Hoover Dam to
6 the agricultural, industrial, and urban development
7 of the Southwestern United States; and

8 (4) joins the States of Arizona, California, Ne-
9 vada, and the people of the United States in cele-
10 brating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the
11 Hoover Dam.

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