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## Senator Wes Shoemyer Recognizes 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mark Twain Lake/Clarence Cannon Dam

### *Notes Upcoming Salt River Expo*



Whereas, the members of the Missouri Senate always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State areas that admirably enhance quality of life by providing for the diverse needs associated with power generation, outdoor recreation, and flood control; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Lake and the Clarence Cannon Dam were created twenty-five years ago in the historic "Culture Cradle" of the Salt River Valley in northeast Missouri; and

Whereas, from May 15 to May 17, 2009, the Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers will host the Salt River Expo as the start of a year-long celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the creation of Mark Twain Lake and the completion of Clarence Cannon Dam; and

Whereas, the Mark Twain Lake and Clarence Cannon Dam area comprise approximately 55,000 acres of land and water available for public enjoyment, including 18,600 acres of lake water at normal pool and a surrounding 35,000 acres of land; and

Whereas, in addition to individual hunters and fishers utilizing the natural bounty of the area, Mark Twain Lake is the site of numerous fishing tournaments throughout the year; and

Whereas, thousands of tourists visit Mark Twain Lake to enjoy the fishing, hunting, swimming, and boating opportunities available there; and

Whereas, Clarence Cannon Dam contains a hydroelectric power plant capable of producing up to 58,000 kilowatts of power, which is enough to supply a town of 20,000 people; and

Whereas, Mark Twain Lake and the Clarence Cannon Dam also buffer the annual flooding of the Salt River and serve as a source for potable water for surrounding communities;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, join to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Mark Twain Lake and the Clarence Cannon Dam and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the creation of the recreational and power-generation area; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mark Twain Lake and the Clarence Cannon Dam.

*Wes Shoemyer*  
Senator Wes Shoemyer, 18th District

The Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present the Salt River Expo at the Warren G. See South Spillway on May 15-17th. Shown here is a Senate Resolution prepared by Missouri State Senator Wes Shoemyer, 18th District, commemorating the 25th anniversary of Mark Twain Lake and the Clarence Cannon Dam. Senator Shoemyer congratulates the Corps of Engineers, the Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce, and everyone who is participating in making this event possible.

*For those receiving this by email, a hi-res picture file and a PDF file of the resolution are attached.*

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