by the Corps of Engineers for Texas. Statements in support of authorization of the following five projects have been transmitted previously to the staff of the Public Works Committee: Clear Creek Floodway; Millican and Navasota No. 2 Reservoirs; Natural Pollution Control Projects, Red River Basin Part II; Flood Control and Water Supply Facilities, Pecan Bayou; and Navigation and Bank Stabilization in the Red River Basin.

As it was not known until today that the Committee would consider the Aquilla Creek Reservoir at its June 18 hearing, time did not permit a more complete statement of needs for this project, and reasons for its authorization.

The Texas Water Development Board supports and urges the authorization of the Aquilla Reservoir, Brazos River Basin, Texas.

The report of the Corps of Engineers was reviewed by the State and a public hearing held by the Texas Water Rights Commission on August 2, 1966, and by its action on that day, determined the project to be feasible and in the public interest. Favorable comments on the project were forwarded by Governor Connally on September 9, 1966.

Project planning during the investigation by the Corps of Engineers was coordinated with the Texas Water Development Board, the Brazos River Authority, and other appropriate Federal, State and local agencies. The reservoir capacity is sized for optimum site development and meets State and National objectives. Assurances of financial participation have been provided by local interests.

The Water Development Board in 1966 included the proposed reservoir in the preliminary Texas Water Plan. Although subsequent restudies and evaluations made resulted in some revisions to the Plan, to be published this year, the Aquilla Dam and Reservoir project has not been modified and will be included in the revised Plan.

Favorable action by the Committee to authorize this feasible and needed project is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD B. BOSWELL.

STATEMENT OF THE HILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF THE AQUILLA RESERVOIR PROJECT

HILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Hillsboro, Tex., April 18, 1968.

Hon. OLIN E. TEAGUE,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. TEAGUE: The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, fully in agreement with local, State, and Federal bodies, supports the recommendation for authorization of the Aquilla Reservoir as proposed in the report of the Chief of Engineers covering the Aquilla Reservoir on Aquilla Creek, Brazos River Basin, Texas.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce considers the proposed Aquilla Reservoir to be a highly desirable multi-purpose project having influence on flood control and surface water supply. The immediate and urgent need for the proposed Aquilla Reservoir as an element of the Corps of Engineers' Basin-wide system of Reservoirs designed for control of floods in the Brazos Basin is significant in that annually more than $3 million damage results from uncontrolled rainfall discharge. The topography of the Aquilla Creek watershed, the character of the soil, and the nature of the rainfall in the area are conducive to rapid runoff and sharpcrested flood hydrographs.

Hillsboro, faced with imminent water shortage due to already inadequate ground water source, is witness to a pressing need for a dependable surface water supply such as the Aquilla Reservoir.

The age of automation and the technological advances in agriculture and industry places the smaller towns and cities in a most competitive situation in their fight for economic progress. The pursuit of Industrial expansion is primary in the future of Hillsboro. Location, climate, educational facilities and accessability to major metropolitan areas are very favorable and have been responsible for the industrial growth already experienced. However, one firm, after locating in Hillsboro, found it necessary to provide their own well to supplement the Municipal water supply constantly beset with a shortage of water.

The Aquilla Reservoir is urgently needed as a source of dependable surface water supply to meet existing and growing requirements for Municipal and Indus-