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MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1966.

Congressman Jack Brooks today introduced a bill in Congress designating Dam B and its reservoir as "Town Bluff Dam" and "B. A. Steinhagen Lake."

Town Bluff is the site on the Neches River where the Dam is located. The bill proposes the name of B. A. Steinhagen Lake to honor the former Mayor of Beaumont, Texas, a pioneer in the development of the Sabine-Neches Waterway improvements. Steinhagen, who died in 1946, also served as President of the Lower Neches Valley Authority which provided the necessary local funds to initiate the Sabine-Neches Waterway program which includes the Sam Rayburn Dam and Dam B.

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JUNE 19, 1967

Legislation to designate Dam B and its reservoir as "Town Bluff Dam" and the "B. A. Steinhagen Lake" has been passed by the Congress and sent to the White House, Congressman Jack Brooks announced today.

Late Friday the Senate passed the bill, and the President usually signs the bill into law within two weeks, Brooks said.

The Dam is situated at a site on the Neches River known as Town Bluff.

Congressman Brooks explained that B. A. Steinhagen, former Mayor of Beaumont, was a pioneer in seeking development of the water resources of the Neches River Basin. He promoted and worked for the program which established the Lower Neches Valley Authority and led to the surveys which resulted in the establishment of Dam B.

As President of LNVA, Steinhagen successfully urged the Authority to sponsor the federal project for the full development of the Neches and Angelina Rivers. Work was begun in 1946, the year of Steinhagen's death.

On introducing similar legislation last year, Brooks said, "In 1946, under the sponsorship and leadership of the then Congressman J. M. Combs, Congress authorized federal expenditures and construction was started on Dam B. I remember, as a Member of the State Legislature, attending the groundbreaking ceremonies at historic Town Bluff with Judge Combs and leaders from communities on the Neches River.

"I have long had a deep interest in Dam B and have felt it should be appropriately named; however, over the years I have concentrated our efforts toward getting the Sam Rayburn Multi-purpose Dam under way.

"With the scheduled completion of the Rayburn Dam, it is appropriate to name the Dam B for the Community of Town Bluff where the Dam is located and the reservoir after the late B. A. Steinhagen whose work and vision contributed so much to the complete development of the Neches River," Brooks said.

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July 11, 1967

Dear Gene:

Just a note to inform you that on July 4, 1967, the President signed legislation which formally named Dam B and its Reservoir as B. A. Steinhagen Lake and Town Bluff Dam.

Thought the date chosen for the signing was most appropriate for, as we all know, Mayor Steinhagen was an all-American and in every sense of the word a pioneer. Think this is a fitting tribute to a man who did so much for our area.

With kindest best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Jack Brooks
Charlotte joins me in
best wishes to you
and Sharon

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