

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: Teague, Roberts (Sean) and
Biggs of the House

and

Holt of the Senate

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8 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming April 26, 2017,
9 as Honor Denim Day; and recognizing the importance of
10 promoting awareness about sexual violence.

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12 WHEREAS, for the past 17 years the Honor Denim Day campaign has
13 been held in April in support of Sexual Violence Awareness Month;
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15 WHEREAS, the campaign began in response to a ruling by the
16 Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because
17 the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she
18 must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying
19 consent; and

20 WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament
21 came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim; and

22 WHEREAS, Peace Over Violence, a nonprofit organization dedicated
23 to building healthy relationships, families and communities free
24 from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence, developed the

1 Honor Denim Day campaign in response to the Italian Supreme Court
2 case and the activism surrounding it; and

3 WHEREAS, wearing jeans on Honor Denim Day has become a symbol of
4 protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual
5 assault.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates April 26, 2017, as
10 "Honor Denim Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of
12 promoting awareness about the misconceptions of sexual violence,
13 educating the community about the importance of prevention and
14 facilitating dialogue on how to be a supportive ally to survivors of
15 sexual violence.

16 Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of April,
17 2017.

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20 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

21 Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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