

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1003

By: Ritze, Cockroft, Sears,
5 Faught, Murphey, Hall, Kern
6 and Nelson of the House

and

7 Dahm, Shortey and Justice
8 of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming February 8 to
12 February 14 as Oklahoma Homeschool Week; recognizing
13 the 30th Anniversary of the Oklahoma Home Educators'
14 Capitol Day event; and directing distribution.

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17 WHEREAS, few events have defined the identity of home education
18 in the State of Oklahoma as distinctly or as powerfully as the
19 Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day event; and

20 WHEREAS, Tuesday, February 10, 2015, will be the 30th Oklahoma
21 Home Educators' Capitol Day event; and

22 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day event has
23 transformed the understanding of the home educator of civic
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1 responsibility, educational equality and the importance of building
2 relationships with our elected officials; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day event has
4 raised awareness of alternate and viable forms of education and
5 demonstrated that families who choose this form of education are
6 serious about their freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, after thirty years, home educators can still celebrate
8 this freedom and renew their commitment to continue the homeschool
9 legacy for future generations; and

10 WHEREAS, through the lens of history the progress of the past
11 thirty years may seem insignificant; however, home educators can
12 remember their triumphs of defeating unnecessary or burdensome
13 legislation and remember the true victories which are the
14 relationships that have been forged between legislators and
15 homeschool constituents; and

16 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day event provides
17 a backdrop for remembering those pioneers who forged the way when
18 homeschooling was - even though protected by our Constitution - not
19 a readily accepted form of education and to express gratitude to
20 those who paved the way, suffering ridicule, scorn and persecution
21 while leaving footprints in the halls of the State Capitol defending
22 their right to educate their children by "other means", and who did
23 so in the face of bigotry, fear and unyielding opposition from
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1 entrenched interests. The courage of those pioneers stirs and moves
2 all home educators to remain vigilant; and

3 WHEREAS, as the longest-running and most effective homeschool
4 Capitol Day in the nation, the Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day
5 event allows all to reflect on the past thirty years and the
6 progress that has been made in homeschooling and to acknowledge that
7 the home educator's journey is not complete; and

8 WHEREAS, the theme for the 30th Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol
9 Day event is "Continue the Legacy" which will remind home educators
10 to never forget that freedom does not come easily, but with
11 determination and vigilance, those who love their freedom can
12 preserve it.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
15 CONCURRING THEREIN:

16 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby proclaims February 8 to
17 February 14, 2015, as "Oklahoma Homeschool Week" in the State of
18 Oklahoma.

19 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes and congratulates the
20 Oklahoma Christian Home Educators Consociation on the 30th
21 Anniversary of the Oklahoma Home Educators' Capitol Day event to be
22 held Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at the State Capitol.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Board of
2 Trustees of the Oklahoma Christian Home Educators Consociation.

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