

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1015

By: Ford (Roger) and Watson of
the House

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Standridge of the Senate

8 A Concurrent Resolution commemorating the sixtieth
9 anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense
10 Command and the partnership between the State of
11 Oklahoma and Canada and between the United States and
12 Canada; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share not only a secure
14 5,522-mile border, the world's longest, but also a vibrant history
15 of democratic governance, military and economic partnerships, and
16 cultural ties; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States' defense partnership with Canada is a
18 natural complement to the extensive geographic, political, economic,
19 cultural, and social ties that link our two countries and critical
20 for the security and wellbeing of both; and

21 WHEREAS, defense and security relations between our two
22 countries are long-standing, well-entrenched, and highly successful,
23 underpinned by our integrated American and Canadian forces at North
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1 American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which defends the
2 North American continent; and

3 WHEREAS, NORAD is a unique and indispensable expression of one
4 of the most extensive defense relationships in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, for sixty years, members of the Canadian armed forces
6 have served in Colorado Springs as partners in NORAD; and

7 WHEREAS, since 1979, Canadian Armed Forces personnel have been
8 stationed at Oklahoma's own Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City
9 in support of NORAD; and

10 WHEREAS, the continued service with valor and honor of American
11 and Canadian men and women serving at the North American Aerospace
12 Defense Command is central to North America's ability to confront
13 and successfully defeat threats of the 21st century; and

14 WHEREAS, the continuation of the longstanding and successful
15 relationship between the United States and Canada through the North
16 American Aerospace Defense Command is paramount to the future
17 security of the people of the United States and Canada; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have the largest and most
19 comprehensive trade relationship in the world, totaling nearly \$635
20 billion in goods and services crossing our shared border each year,
21 with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) providing the
22 framework for much of this bilateral trade; and

23 WHEREAS, Oklahoma contributes significantly to this
24 relationship, with bilateral trade totaling \$1.4 billion; and

1 WHEREAS, Canada is the largest foreign trade partner for the
2 United States and the top export destination for 32 states,
3 including Oklahoma; and

4 WHEREAS, nearly 9 million American jobs are dependent on trade
5 with Canada, including over 50,700 jobs in Oklahoma.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the Legislature commemorates NORAD's 60th anniversary and
10 recognizes the contributions made by our American and Canadian
11 service men and women to jointly secure North America and promote
12 international peace and security.

13 THAT the Legislature recognizes the importance of Canada-
14 Oklahoma trade economic and trade relationship.

15 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to President Donald J.
16 Trump; the Right Honorable Justin P.J. Trudeau, Prime Minister of
17 Canada; Governor John W. Hickenlooper; James N. Mattis, Secretary of
18 Defense; the Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State; the
19 Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the
20 Honorable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of National Defense; Kelly
21 Knight Craft, United States Ambassador to Canada; David MacNaughton,
22 Canada's Ambassador to the United States; General Lori J. Robinson,
23 Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United
24 States Northern Command; Lieutenant-General Pierre St-Amand, Deputy

