

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1015

By: Fetgatter, Phillips,
Crosswhite Hader, Davis,
West (Tammy), Waldron,
Kerbs, Fugate, Fincher,
Taylor, Boatman and Osburn
of the House

and

Paxton of the Senate

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9 A Concurrent Resolution relating to industrial hemp;
10 and recognizing research, development, processing,
11 manufacturing and production of industrial hemp
12 qualifies for Oklahoma state incentives.

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14 WHEREAS, industrial hemp (*cannabis sativa*) was a major
15 industrial crop grown in America since the Colonial period, and was
16 used for textiles, paper and rope, and continues to this day to be
17 used in fiberboard, construction materials, protein for both humans
18 and livestock, lubricating oils and energy-producing biomass; and

19 WHEREAS, industrial hemp is considered a low-cost, low-input
20 crop and is generally believed to have strong market potential due
21 to the extensive diversity of its possible uses; and

22 WHEREAS, farming industrial hemp in a crop rotation promotes
23 crop diversity, increases soil fertility, increases crop yields,
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1 reduces soil erosion, reduces crop stress from weeds, increases soil
2 nutrients, and limits concentrations of pests; and

3 WHEREAS, industrial hemp farming provides additional options for
4 our state's farmers to potentially improve their income; and

5 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp fiber could
6 include fabrics, carpeting, canvas and biocomposites; and

7 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's woody core
8 (hurd) could include fiberboard, animal bedding, mulch, insulation,
9 erosion control blankets, and packaging; and

10 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's seed could
11 include bread, granola, protein powder, and animal feed; and

12 WHEREAS, products yielded from industrial hemp's seed oil could
13 include soap, oil paints, cosmetics, and printing ink; and

14 WHEREAS, the existence of this industry in the State of Oklahoma
15 will prompt research institutions to further their cutting edge
16 studies into the usage, production, and manufacture of industrial
17 hemp; and

18 WHEREAS, there exists significant benefits to agricultural
19 producers, biotech companies, industrial grade producers and
20 manufacturers; and

21 WHEREAS, the research and development of industrial hemp will
22 contribute to the safe and sustainable use of industrial grade heavy
23 materials; and

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1 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has already seen some success in
2 the industrial hemp industry and established rules related to
3 licensing and inspections with the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp
4 Agricultural Pilot Program as established in House Bill No. 2913
5 (2018); and

6 WHEREAS, in states that have legalized industrial hemp, the
7 Federal Drug Enforcement Administration requires Class 1
8 registrations and permits for the importation of seeds and has no
9 legal issues with fiber and grain production, limiting their primary
10 concern to the extraction of cannabinoid oils, which concentrates
11 the THC content of products for nonmedical uses; and

12 WHEREAS, the activities associated with research and development
13 of industrial hemp farming, processing techniques and types of
14 products that could be sold on the market would diversify the
15 economy; and

16 WHEREAS, the activities associated with processing,
17 manufacturing and production of industrial hemp would diversify the
18 economy and employ more Oklahomans.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the research,
23 development, processing, manufacturing and production of industrial
24 hemp qualifies for Oklahoma state incentives.

