

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution memorializing President Obama and
9 Congress to reaffirm our nation's commitments to
10 promoting and protecting religious freedom throughout
11 the world and to condemn increasing number of
12 Christians who are killed around the world; and
13 directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, vast numbers of Christians have experienced persecution
15 and martyrdom in the twenty-first century and because of their faith
16 are now facing mounting reigns of terror throughout much of the
17 world; and

18 WHEREAS, the Christian faith is restricted and in some places
19 banned, and believers are imprisoned, enslaved, persecuted and even
20 killed; and

21 WHEREAS, the World Watch List is compiled by Open Doors USA, a
22 human rights organization which has monitored Christian persecution
23 worldwide since the 1970s; and

24 WHEREAS, according to the World Watch List, in the world today
each month, on average, 322 Christians are killed for their faith,

1 214 Christian churches and properties are destroyed and 772 acts of
2 violence occur against Christians; and

3 WHEREAS, President Obama recently declared on Religious Freedom
4 Day, "We must also continue our work to protect religious freedom
5 around the globe. Throughout the world, millions of individuals are
6 subjected to discrimination, abuse, and sanctioned violence simply
7 for exercising their religion or choosing not to claim a faith."

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT President Obama and the United States Congress should
11 reaffirm our nation's commitments to promoting and protecting
12 religious freedom around the world and should condemn the increasing
13 number of Christians around the world who are killed because of
14 their faith.

15 THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of
16 the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of
17 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States
18 Senate and the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

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