

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1049 By: Cox, Breckinridge, Cozort, Ferguson, Hutchison, Kirby, Kouba, Maddux (Elmer), Monks, Perry, Reese, Sullivan, Webb and Weese

A Resolution commending the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives for its picture guides for the Oklahoma Legislature; directing the Chief Clerk of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to encourage certain agencies and other entities to give the Oklahoma House of Representatives the same treatment as given the Oklahoma Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature is a bicameral department of Oklahoma state government composed of two equal legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, neither the Oklahoma Constitution or state statutes provides for an upper or lower chamber; and

WHEREAS, members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives are regarded as the state-elected officers closest to their constituents on the basis of having a smaller number of constituents to represent and being elected to a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of their more direct relationship to the citizens of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Constitution reserves to the Oklahoma House of Representatives the exclusive power to initiate revenue-raising measures and impeachment proceedings; and

WHEREAS, many state agencies and publications about the Oklahoma Legislature inappropriately accord to the State Senate an unwarranted status by treating it as if it was the "upper house" of the Oklahoma Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives shall be commended for its publications of the annual picture guides of the Oklahoma Legislature which places pictures of state representatives first for guides distributed to the House of Representatives and state senators first for guides distributed to the State Senate.

THAT the Chief Clerk of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall take appropriate actions to ensure that the Oklahoma House of Representatives will be given the same treatment as the State Senate by state agencies and other persons or organizations who disseminate information about the State Legislature.

THAT these agencies and entities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The Department of Central Services with respect to signs in the State Capitol;
2. The Oklahoma Department of Public Libraries with respect to the Oklahoma Almanac and Who Is Who In the Legislature;
3. The snack bar on the fourth floor of the State Capitol with respect to its sound system;
4. The Oklahoma Business News with respect to the Legislative Reporter and its other publications;

5. Oklahoma Stateline with respect to its biennial publication of the roster on the State Legislature;

6. Southwestern Bell with respect to the telephone directory published on state officials; and

7. The Oklahoma Press Service, Inc., a subsidiary of the Oklahoma Press Association, with respect to its publication of the Oklahoma Legislative Directory.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Chief Clerk of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Director of the Department of Central Services, the Director of the State Department of Libraries, Oklahoma Business News, Oklahoma Stateline, Southwestern Bell, the Oklahoma Press Service, Inc., the Oklahoma Press Association, and the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of March, 1994.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives