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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1006

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A Resolution urging the President of the United States to engage in thorough, careful and cautious deliberations before changing the ban on homosexuals serving in the armed services; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the United States have no equal in their ability to defend the defenseless, and respond to world crisis; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is now reviewing the long standing policy of banning homosexuals from serving in the armed services with the purpose of eliminating the ban; and

WHEREAS, there are legitimate reasons for such a policy to have become integrated within armed forces regulations and certain restrictions becoming a part of the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and

WHEREAS, the military is a highly structured, close-knit society lacking many of the flexibilities of the civilian world; and

WHEREAS, military officials have voiced strong concerns about the lifting of the ban on homosexuals serving in the armed services; and

WHEREAS, on the issue of homosexuals serving in the armed forces, there is a great degree of sensitivity among military personnel; and

WHEREAS, before any change is made to the homosexual ban policy, the entire military hierarchy, from military leaders to unit commanders to enlisted personnel, should be given a chance to express their opinions on the ban; and

WHEREAS, such a long standing policy should not be changed without thorough, careful and cautious deliberations between and among the President, the Congress and the armed services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the President of the United States to proceed with due caution before changing the long standing ban on homosexuals serving in the United States Armed Forces.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the President of the United States to deliberate thoroughly, carefully and cautiously with the United States Congress and with the heads of the United States Armed Forces concerning the possible national security consequences that could result by the summary lifting of such a ban, and the possible negative effect the summary lifting of such a ban may have on the morale of members of the United States Armed Forces.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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