

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1021

By: Beutler, Benson, Bonny,
Boyd (Betty), Cotner,
Deutschendorf, Glover,
Hamilton, Johnson,
Kirby, Mitchell, Pope
(Clay), Steidley,
Widener and Dunlap of
the House

and

Capps, Kerr, Haney,
Robinson and Herbert of
the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution directing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department in partnership with the State Arts Council of Oklahoma to undertake a multi-agency cleanup and temporary restoration project of Quartz Mountain Lodge; stating completion date of the project; stating purpose of the project; requiring coordination with certain state and federal entities; providing for specific contribution to the project by certain state agencies; requiring the Tourism Department to develop a plan of action; stating contents of plan; providing submission date of plan; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Arts Institute has been cited as the official School of the Arts for Oklahoma and Quartz Mountain Resort has been cited as the official Arts and Conference Center for Oklahoma by resolution of the Oklahoma Legislature; and

WHEREAS, development of Quartz Mountain as an arts and conference center for Oklahoma and the southwest is included in the long-range plan of the State Arts Council and the Statewide Cultural Plan of the Oklahoma Cultural Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Commerce and Oklahoma Futures has identified the development of the Oklahoma Arts and Conference

Center at Quartz Mountain as a critical action for the five-year Strategic Economic Development Plan of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 1995, a fire struck Quartz Mountain Lodge, one of the five original state lodges, and destroyed a large portion of the historic and beautiful facility; and

WHEREAS, Quartz Mountain Lodge has been the host facility for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute and talented youth held in June each year as well as other annual arts institutes including the Fall Arts Institute for Public School Teachers, College and University Faculty and amateur and professional artists sponsored by the State Arts Council of Oklahoma, the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute is a renowned program which for 18 years has offered artistically talented high school students an opportunity to develop their talents in the inspiring surroundings of Quartz Mountain and Lake Altus in southwest Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the State Arts Council have worked with the private sector to develop specialized facilities especially for the Summer Arts Institute, which are also utilized for the Fall Arts Institute for Adults as well as other arts conferences and seminars; and

WHEREAS, the plans for the 1995 Summer Arts Institute had been finalized prior to the fire at Quartz Mountain Lodge and 225 Oklahoma students have already auditioned and have been selected to attend and are looking forward to participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, because the specialized facilities for the Summer Arts Institute and the guest rooms were not destroyed by the fire, it is possible that the scheduled 1995 Arts Institutes can still take place at Quartz Mountain Lodge if immediate action is taken to clean

up and restore the remaining facilities and to install and provide for temporary facilities and food services; and

WHEREAS, it will take a coordinated effort on the part of several state entities and a pooling of all state resources to ensure that the 1995 Summer Arts Institute, as well as other scheduled arts events, can still take place at the lodge, and the dreams of those students planning to participate in the Institute are not also lost in the tragic fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department is hereby directed to take immediate action to undertake and complete a multi-agency cleanup and temporary restoration project of Quartz Mountain Lodge by May 15, 1995, so that both the June session of the 1995 Summer Arts Institute can take place as scheduled as well as the Fall Arts Institute session. The Department shall work in partnership with the State Arts Council of Oklahoma on the project which shall include coordinating with several state and federal agencies to provide the manpower and supplies to clean up and restore the surviving facilities, to provide and set up temporary structures and to provide supplies, equipment, food and any services necessary to allow the 1995 Arts Institutes to take place as scheduled.

THAT the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department in partnership with the State Arts Council shall coordinate and work with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Transportation, the Military Department, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Department of Central Services on the project. The Tourism Department shall, in addition to the above named agencies, work with any other agency as is deemed necessary to complete the

project. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall specifically work with:

1. The Department of Corrections and Department of Transportation to provide prisoner labor, personnel and equipment to clean and restore the surviving facilities and site;

2. The Military Department which shall coordinate with the United States Military for the use of temporary structures, supplies, equipment, food and services necessary for the Institutes to take place; and

3. The Department of Commerce and the Department of Central Services to locate and utilize all available resources necessary to complete the project.

THAT the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department in partnership with the Oklahoma Arts Institute and the State Arts Council shall develop a plan of action which shall contain an outline of the project, the timetable for completion of the project by May 15, 1995, the agencies involved and what each agency will contribute to the project, and any other action or recommendation the Tourism Department deems necessary for the successful completion of the project. The plan of action shall be submitted by April 1, 1995, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Directors of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, the State Arts Council of Oklahoma, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Department of Central Services and the Adjutant General of the Military Department.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 1995.

of Speaker of the House
Representative
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Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

Senate President of the