

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1047

By: Beutler and Widener of
the House

and

Easley of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the use of the state's natural resource curriculum in public school system; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma are becoming increasingly concerned with the care and maintenance of this great state's abundant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the future of Oklahoma will be in the hands of our children and grandchildren, and it is our responsibility to pass on a legacy of clean air, water and land for them to inherit; and

WHEREAS, teaching school students the value of recycling, waste reduction and the wise use of our natural resources is vital to maintaining that legacy and to improving and preserving our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the best place to start the process of educating the citizens about the problems associated with solid waste and its impact on the soil, water and vegetation as well as the visual impact is with our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division have developed a

natural resources curriculum which is available to any school or teacher in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Education currently participates in the activities of the Oklahoma Environmental Education Coordinating Committee, whose goal is to foster an awareness of Oklahoma's natural resources through the use of the natural resources curriculum.

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 State Legislature hereby requests that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor's Cabinet Secretary for Education and the State Board of Education emphasize the use of the natural resources curriculum developed by the state's environmental agencies by making every school system aware of these resources.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages all Oklahoma teachers to incorporate environmental education into their lesson plans where applicable.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor's Cabinet Secretary for Education, the Governor, and the members of the State Board of Education.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 1995.

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