ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1066

By: Benson, Adkins, Breckinridge, Case, Claunch, Deutschendorf, McCorkell, Miller, Ramsey, Staggs, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard) and Askins

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of creating quality jobs in the state; congratulating "Project 1000" for its special job-creating efforts; encouraging existing businesses in Oklahoma to participate in "Project 1000"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the great State of Oklahoma recognize that human resources constitute one of the most important assets a state can possess and investment in this asset benefits the future development of our state's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, some of the most valued of these resources are the thousands of young, career-minded Oklahomans currently attending many of the fine colleges and universities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, between 1985 and 1990, it has been reported that well over 34,000 talented Oklahoma college graduates left the state to obtain employment elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, a recent study showed that Oklahoma has the highest "brain drain" index within a ten-state region, representing critical wage-earning losses to the state's economic market of well over One Billion Dollars; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to retain Oklahoma's college graduates and prevent the enormous "brain drain" from continuing, "Project 1000"

has recently been initiated, offering new quality jobs to Oklahoma's gifted graduates; and

WHEREAS, this creative and innovative Project, a dynamic partnership between the public and private sectors, is intended to encourage 1,000 existing state businesses each to hire at least one additional Oklahoma college graduate over the next year; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of "Project 1000", college students and business, educational, and chamber of commerce leaders have been invited to participate in a statewide job fair which will be held at the State Capitol on April 9, 1996.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of creating quality jobs for all Oklahomans, including talented, career-minded college students.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates "Project 1000" for its special efforts in creating job prospects for Oklahoma's talented and capable college graduates who might otherwise leave our great state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages existing businesses throughout the state to participate in "Project 1000", a very innovative public-private partnership, providing career opportunities for 1,000 of Oklahoma's finest college graduates.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Ed Apple, Commissioner, Oklahoma Corporation Commission; Hans Brisch, Ph.D., Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and Richard P. Rush, President and Chief Executive Officer of the State Chamber of Commerce.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate