

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1045 By: Benson, Hamilton, Perry, Bastin, Deutschendorf, Mitchell, Paulk, Adkins, Coleman, Hastings, Thornbrugh, Vaughn, Adair and Taylor

A Resolution opposing the position of the National Education Association regarding the celebration of a Lesbian and Gay History Month in the public schools of Oklahoma; and resolving that certain lifestyles should not be promoted in the public schools of this state and that certain persons should not be permitted to adopt or provide foster care in this state.

WHEREAS, it is important that we uphold the traditional family values that are so much a part of the heritage of Oklahoma and the United States; and

WHEREAS, homosexuality is a lifestyle that should not be promoted in any way that detracts from traditional family values; and

WHEREAS, the National Education Association, by resolution, has taken a position that promotes the acceptance and tolerance of homosexual behavior and calls for celebrations of a Lesbian and Gay History Month to acknowledge the contribution of lesbians, gays and bisexuals, all of which is inconsistent with traditional values of this state; and

WHEREAS, it should be acknowledged that the Oklahoma delegates did not support the resolution on these issues, and numerous educators and teachers throughout the state have expressed strong opposition to said resolution; and

WHEREAS, it should be the policy of the State of Oklahoma that our public schools should be guided by what is in the best interests of Oklahoma and our values, rather than accept requests or mandates of any outside organization as to what is or is not to be taught or promoted in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, the children of this state should be afforded an opportunity to benefit from relationships developed through traditional family values and that those who engage in same-sex marriages should not be permitted to adopt or engage in foster care.

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

THAT traditional family values and traditional lifestyles are an integral part of the heritage of Oklahoma and the United States.

THAT the House of Representatives is opposed to the position of the National Education Association that the public schools of Oklahoma should celebrate a Lesbian and Gay History Month.

THAT homosexuality, lesbianism and bisexuality should not be promoted in the public schools of this state.

THAT persons who engage in same-sex marriages should not be permitted to adopt or provide foster care to children in this state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of

February, 1996.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives