

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1102

By: Morgan of the House

and

Dunlap of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1973, a small group of Democratic and Republican state legislators met in Chicago to found a bipartisan membership association that would advocate the fundamental Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism and individual liberty; and

WHEREAS, the new association was named the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); and

WHEREAS, over the past quarter-century, ALEC has been at the forefront of the revitalization of the federal relationship between the states and the national government in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has served as a counterweight against tendencies to further centralize government at the national level by continuously striving to return as much power and resources as possible to the levels of government closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, ALEC is now the largest bipartisan individual membership association of state legislators, with 3,000 state legislators, and 30 full-time staff members; and

WHEREAS, the 300 foundations, companies and private sector members of ALEC form a vital public-private partnership that has

stimulated a bounty of innovation and activity at the state level to the immense benefit of the citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, through its nine national task forces on Commerce and Economic Development; Civil Justice; Criminal Justice; Education; Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture; Health and Human Services; Tax and Fiscal Policy; Telecommunications and Information Technology; and Trade and Transportation, ALEC has created vital public policy laboratories for the development of policy strategies and model legislation for dissemination to the states; and

WHEREAS, ALEC has provided a forum for innovation and communication among the members' states through its task forces, publications, and cooperative public-private efforts to reach common-sense, results-oriented policies; and

WHEREAS, during its first twenty-five years, ALEC has performed an immeasurable service to the people of this nation by preserving for each of us the opportunity to be effective participants in the greatest representative democracy on the face of the earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature pause in its deliberations to congratulate the American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary and express our heartfelt gratitude for its exemplary record of public service to its constituent states and to the republic.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extend its best wishes to the American Legislative Exchange Council for a long and productive future.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of May,
1998.

of Speaker of the House
Representative
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Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

Senate President of the