

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1079

By: Lindley and Blackburn of
the House

and

Leftwich and Cain of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to postboxes;
memorializing Congress to allow municipalities and counties
to determine the placement of private postboxes; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has recently mandated
that private postboxes that have always been attached to houses be
removed and placed at the curbside in certain residential
neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, many municipal codes mandate that postboxes cannot be
placed on city easement without the consent of the property owner,
and this is in conflict with the United States Postal Service
mandate; and

WHEREAS, many older residential neighborhoods have single car
driveways and today's families have multiple automobiles; and

WHEREAS, municipal codes prohibit parking of vehicles in yards
and require citizens to park in driveways or on the street which may
block access to curbside postboxes; consequently the United States
Postal Service is not obliged to deliver the mail if postal
employees are required to dismount their vehicle to obtain access to
the postbox; and

WHEREAS, the mandate from the United States Postal Service will
cause problems for both senior citizens and citizens with
disabilities who find it difficult to traverse to the curb,
especially in inclement weather, to retrieve their mail; and

WHEREAS, in some areas of the municipalities and counties, there
are certain criminal elements who would find curbside postboxes
easier to steal from than postboxes attached to houses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service provides a vital link
of contact and security for senior citizens who live in older
neighborhoods by mail delivery at the door; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service will sever that link
of contact and security by forcing senior citizens to accept
curbside postboxes; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is forcing their
mandate of curbside delivery upon some citizens by threatening to
withhold their mail without due process; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is thus creating
inequities in mail delivery service among the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has a record billion
dollars in reserve and plans to request an increase fee for mail
delivery while cutting the quality of services to senior citizens
and citizens with disabilities.

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 memorializes Congress to request a modification in the United States Postal Service rules to allow municipalities and counties to determine their own placement of postboxes.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Clerk of the United States House, the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 7th day of May, 1998.

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s Representative

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of May, 1998.

Senate President of the