

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1031 By: Hamilton

A Resolution expressing legislative intent concerning physical therapy and occupational therapy programs at the institutions comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; calling for the formulation of plans to increase educational opportunities in those fields; providing for a report to be submitted to the Legislature; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a shortage of physical therapists and occupational therapists exists in the United States and in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the demographic trends of an increasingly aging population will predictably increase demands for these vital health services in the immediate and foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding physical therapy and occupational therapy programs at the institutions comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education currently receive greater than six highly qualified applicants for each position available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby expresses its desire that the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Langston University, Tulsa Community College, and any other institution comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education undertake coordinated efforts to increase the number of physical and occupational therapists trained and educated in existing programs.

THAT the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education formulate plans to increase educational opportunities in the subject fields of physical therapy and occupational therapy to aid all other allied health training occupations needed by Tulsa citizens.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses its strong desire that the University of Oklahoma and Langston University increase their efforts and train a larger number of students, and further that the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine establish a primary and master's degree program in physical therapy and an occupational therapy program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education submit a report by January 1, 1998, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chairman of the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, of all action taken by the Regents and by any institution of higher learning pertaining to the provisions of this resolution.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Chancellor and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges, the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community College, and the Presidents and Provosts at each such institution.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 30th day of May,  
1997.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives