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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1043

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(Laura), Reese, Hager,
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Adkins, Bastin, Beutler,
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Braddock, Covey, Culver,
Davis, Deutschendorf,
Dunegan, Ervin, Fields,
Frame, Gilbert, Gray,
Hastings, Hilliard, Kirby,
Langmacher, Leist, Maddux,
Mass, McCarter, Miller,
Mitchell, Morgan, Plunk,
Ramsey, Rice, Roach,
Roberts, Ross,
Satterfield, Staggs,
Steidley, Stites, Sullivan
(Leonard), Thornbrugh,
Toure, Vaughn, Webb and
Weese

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for improving the purchasing practices of state institutions of higher education; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education developed in April 1995 systemwide guidelines to reduce the level of sole source purchases, as well as to enable uniformity and consistency of reporting sole source purchases by institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education implemented a monitoring process to help ensure compliance with these guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the results of these efforts reflected an 80% decrease in the number of sole source purchases reported by state institutions of higher education during FY-96 and an 87% decrease in dollar volume of such purchases, a trend that continued in FY-97 when the number of sole source purchases decreased by an additional 66% and the dollar volume of such purchases decreased by an additional 56%; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education conducted a review of purchasing policies at all institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to determine their appropriateness and consistency; and

WHEREAS, this review resulted in the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education adopting in December 1995 a Uniform Purchasing Policy Model, requiring that all state higher education institutions revise their purchasing policies to comply with the provision of this policy model; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education created a Systemwide Purchasing Steering Committee consisting of institutional purchasing staff to provide proactive leadership to enhance purchasing processes at all state institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has implemented an Oklahoma Higher Education Purchasing web page to facilitate systemwide purchases, transfer of surplus property between institutions, standardized forms and reports such as those used for the justification and reporting of sole source purchases, communications between institutional purchasing staff and increased use of electronic technology to improve and coordinate purchasing services at all institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

THAT Hans Brisch, Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are hereby commended for their diligence in taking a leadership role and improving the purchasing practices of state institutions of higher education.

THAT the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the governing boards in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education are encouraged to continue their efforts to make maximum use of taxpayers' monies by utilizing efficient purchasing practices.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education who shall distribute a copy of the resolution to each State Regent for Higher Education, the presidents of all the institutions in The Oklahoma State System for Higher Education, and each member of the governing bodies of those institutions.

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