STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1052 By: Wells

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April 21, 1998, as Alternative Education Day; recognizing and supporting alternative education initiatives in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, alternative education is a means of providing education to those students in our state who for various reasons have not been successful in a traditional school environment or are at risk of dropping out or failure in school; and

WHEREAS, school districts across Oklahoma have developed several high quality and successful alternative education and high challenge programs for students across the state; and

WHEREAS, elements of a successful alternative education program include, but are not limited to, individualized learning, cooperative learning, competency-based accountability, flexible scheduling, peer tutoring, parent involvement and contracting, choice and student responsibility for learning; and

WHEREAS, rigorous evaluation of the alternative education programs in Oklahoma has demonstrated that the programs result in improved academic performance and improved behavior of the participating students; and

WHEREAS, many of the approximately 240 alternative education programs operating in the state today are funded through state grants made available to schools, including the Alternative

Education Grant Program, the High Challenge grant programs and Alternative Academy grant programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 1998, many of the alternative education programs in Oklahoma will assemble at the State Capitol to demonstrate the high quality of these programs to interested Oklahomans and to allow students and teachers involved in the programs an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and disseminate information to the public.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares April 21, 1998, as "Alternative Education Day".

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports alternative education initiatives that enable certain students in our state to be successful in school and become productive citizens of the state.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to Denise Parish with the Oklahoma Technical Assistance Center, Vicki Land, Coordinator of Alternative Education, Oklahoma City Public Schools and Sandy Garrett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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