

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1037

By: Hiett, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Begley, Benge, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd, Braddock, Bryant, Calvey, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Corn, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Seikel, Sellers, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Sweeden, Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Weaver, Webb, Wells, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright

A Resolution acknowledging the bicentennial of the death of George Washington, the Father of Our Country; and encouraging teachers to teach more about this great American.

WHEREAS, the year 1999 is the bicentennial of the death of the Father of Our Country, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was born in 1732 to a Virginia planter family where he learned everything necessary for a fine Virginia gentleman including morals and manners; and

WHEREAS, George Washington took his oath of office as the first United States President on April 30, 1789; and

WHEREAS, George Washington's two main interests were the military and western expansion; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Commander in Chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and took his troops into a war that lasted six long years, and

WHEREAS, in 1781, George Washington, with help from French allies, forced the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, after becoming President, he felt foreign policy was primarily a Presidential concern and he tried to direct this country on a neutral path during a major war between France and Britain; and

WHEREAS, as the Father of Our Country, George Washington should be recognized by all citizens of this state for his leadership accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the bicentennial of the death of George Washington is this year and should be acknowledged by the citizens of this state. Teachers need to be encouraged to teach more about this great American in the schools of this state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives