

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 55

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A Resolution opposing Oklahoma Attorney General
Drew Edmondson's action supporting a New Jersey
court decision against the Boy Scouts of America;
and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, for generations the Boy Scouts of America has been an
organization renowned for their development of character in young
men; and

WHEREAS, in the past Boy Scout leaders have served as positive
role models for generations of young people; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson has chosen to
sign a legal brief which represents that our state supports a New
Jersey court decision (308 N.J. Super. 516; 160 N.J. 562) that
ordered the Boy Scouts of America to reinstate a scout leader who
was a homosexual; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson's position is
in dramatic opposition to the moral ideals of our state and is
inappropriate in this case of first impression before the United
States Supreme Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate opposes the action of Oklahoma
Attorney General Drew Edmondson's signing of a brief before the
United States Supreme Court supporting the New Jersey court decision
requiring the Boy Scouts of America to reinstate a scout leader who
is homosexual.

THAT because it is a case of first impression, and is not
supported by federal or state court precedent or common law, the
Oklahoma State Senate asks the Oklahoma Attorney General to withdraw
his support of this brief and allow the United States Supreme Court
to decide this issue without the representation that Oklahoma
supports the result in the New Jersey decision.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson.

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate