

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1086

By: Wells

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 25, 2000, 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, are at risk of dropping out, or are at risk of failure in school; and

WHEREAS, school districts across Oklahoma have developed several high quality and successful alternative education 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 enrollment in an alternative education program results in improved academic performance and improved behavior of the participating students; and

WHEREAS, many of the approximately 519 alternative education programs operating in the state today are funded by the state with monies made available to schools for the statewide system of alternative education, including the Alternative Approaches Grant

Program, the High Challenge Grant Program, and the Alternative Education Academies Programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2000, many of the alternative education programs in Oklahoma will assemble at the State Capitol to tangibly demonstrate to Oklahomans the high quality of alternative education programs in the state, 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 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares April 25, 2000, as "Alternative Education Day".

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

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to Lori McGuinness, President of the State Alternative Education Association and Sandy Garrett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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