

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1050

By: Benson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution proclaiming the week of March 13, 2000, "Teach Census Week"; encouraging the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide district superintendents certain information; encouraging participation in Census 2000; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Census 2000 will have a profound impact on the lives and prosperity of all residents of Oklahoma as we enter the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, annually, over One Hundred Eighty-five Billion Dollars in federal funds are allocated, based on the census, to state, local and tribal governments for education programs, housing and community development programs, health care for the elderly, job training, highway improvements, emergency services and many other programs; and

WHEREAS, private industry uses census data to locate new factories, retail outlets, apartment buildings, hotels, restaurants, shopping centers, banks and other commercial centers which create job opportunities and enhance the quality of life for Oklahoma residents; and

WHEREAS, the state, cities and counties use census information in long-range planning to determine the location of schools, highways, libraries, public transportation systems, police and fire departments, hospitals and other public facilities vital to the well-being of Oklahoma and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Census 2000 demographic and socioeconomic data will assist the Legislature in preparing new legislative initiatives and effectively allocating state resources where they are most needed; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau has put in place a "Census in Schools" program and is providing lesson plans and teaching aids to all requesting school teachers and principals to enlist them in encouraging students and their parents to recognize the importance of being counted in Census 2000.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives proclaims the week of March 13, 2000, as "Teach Census Week" and encourages school teachers and principals to utilize the lesson plans and teaching aids available through the "Census in Schools" program.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide all district superintendents the information necessary for school teachers and principals to participate in the "Census in Schools" program.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the citizens of this great state to participate and to be counted in Census 2000.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and each member of the State Board of Education.

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