

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1055

By: Davis, Adair, Adkins, Begley, Benge, Beutler, Bryant, Calvey, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Corn, Dank, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Frame, Gilbert, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kinnamon, Liotta, Maddux, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Newport, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roggow, Seikel, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Thomas, Thornbrugh, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Weaver, Webb, Wells, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution requesting Attorney General Drew Edmondson to withdraw the support of the state for the amicus curiae brief signed on in the New Jersey homosexual rights and state sovereignty case of Boy Scouts of America versus Dale; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, although the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma has supported state sovereignty issues on most occasions, the state has never supported any issue supporting homosexual rights or opposing the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, in a United States Supreme Court case, Boy Scouts of America versus Dale, Attorney General Drew Edmondson is supporting a New Jersey court decision ordering the Boy Scouts of America to reinstate a homosexual scout leader; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Drew Edmondson signed on to a New York state amicus curiae brief with eight other states arguing that the Supreme Court should not use the Boy Scouts case to undermine state laws involved in prohibiting or eliminating discrimination in that state; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma should not be participating in litigation in other states in opposition to the rights of the Boy Scouts to select their own leaders even if the involvement is only a "friend of the court" brief.

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 requests that Attorney General Drew Edmondson withdraw the support of the state for the amicus curiae brief signed on in the state sovereignty gay rights and New Jersey case of Boy Scouts of America versus Dale.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Attorney General Drew Edmondson and to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court.

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