

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1037____

By: Wells

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 29, 1999, 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 all of the alternative education programs in Oklahoma has demonstrated that the programs result 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 through state monies made available to schools for the statewide system of alternative education, including the Alternative Approaches grant

program, the High Challenge grant programs and the Alternative Education Academies programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 1999, many of the alternative education programs in Oklahoma will assemble at the State Capitol to demonstrate the high quality of these programs to interested Oklahomans 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares April 29, 1999, as "Alternative Education Day".

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

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

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