

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Benson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution stating legislative intent that Oklahoma actively pursue resources and programs, like Character First, to make Oklahoma a State of Character.

WHEREAS, our state has experienced an increase in juvenile crimes being committed by younger and younger juveniles and of a more serious nature; and

WHEREAS, A greater number of school children are coming from single-parent families, which makes them more vulnerable to peer dependence, drugs, promiscuity and gangs; and

WHEREAS, youth offenders are showing less and less awareness of behavior that is wrong and unacceptable, and are exposed to an increased amount of anti-social influences; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitative programs available for these juvenile offenders are faced with the challenge of lack of adequate facilities and high rate of recidivism; and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for the teaching of positive character traits such as attentiveness, truthfulness, respect for authority, diligence, gratefulness, self-discipline, personal morality, punctuality, forgiveness and resourcefulness; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of cities throughout the United States and other nations have experienced an amazingly high rate of success in rehabilitating juvenile delinquents, and restoring broken families by practical, time-proven programs; and

WHEREAS, many cities have adapted these programs into a city-wide emphasis on character, which includes teaching character in

public schools, emphasizing character in businesses, promoting character in churches and homes, proclaiming character qualities on billboards and featuring it in the media.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT Oklahoma will actively pursue resources and programs, like Character First, to make our state a State of Character.

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