

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1050

By: Lindley and Gilbert of the
of the House

and

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A Concurrent Resolution declaring March 6, 2002, to
be Oklahoma Disabilities Awareness Day; and directing
distribution.

WHEREAS, one in five Oklahomans has a disability and the rate of
disability will increase as our population ages; and

WHEREAS, all our citizens are encouraged to recognize that every
face in our community belongs to and is a part of our community and
should have the opportunity to fully participate in the life of the
community; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities experience barriers to access
to health care, education, employment and to even the simplest
activities of daily life such as shopping, entertainment, visiting
with friends and attendance at religious services; and

WHEREAS, the lack of accessible transportation is a major
significant barrier to employment, education, and full participation
in community life. People with disabilities must piece together
transportation as best they can: accessible transportation is not
available in many communities in this state; where it is available,
it must be scheduled in advance, frequently lacks the funding to
provide much-needed door-to-door service or to run buses everywhere
they are needed, and is available only for limited parts of the day;
and

WHEREAS, in the next decade, more Oklahomans than ever will
require public transportation in order to remain independent and to
continue living within their communities; we must expand our efforts
and available funding to ensure accessible transportation in every
community in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT March 6, 2002, is hereby declared to be Oklahoma
Disabilities Awareness Day.

THAT all members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and
the Oklahoma State Senate give their full support to efforts toward

enabling people with disabilities to live better lives and to have adequate access to public transportation.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council and to the boards and Directors of the Office of Handicapped Concerns, the Department of Rehabilitation, the J.D. McCarty Center, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and, further, that the Directors of these agencies deliver copies of this resolution to appropriate private agencies and organizations serving and advocating for persons with disabilities.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of March, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate