

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1074

By: Roach of the House

and

Henry, Cain, Campbell, Capps,
Coffee, Crutchfield, Douglass,
Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher,
Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton,
Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Johnson,
Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich,
Littlefield, Maddox, Martin,
Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan,
Muegge, Nichols, Price, Pruitt,
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson,
Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder,
Stipe, Taylor, Wilcoxson,
Wilkerson, Williams and
Williamson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution applauding the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Human Services for submitting certain grant application; supporting development and implementation of certain adoption program services; supporting collaborative efforts between certain entities to achieve certain purposes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that the destiny of every society depends on the positive development of its children; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the vital importance of permanency in the life of a child in order to achieve positive development of the child; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature, over the years, has been very supportive in creating and funding programs that would enhance the positive development of children across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes one such program, the Swift Adoption Services Program, administered by the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Swift Adoption Services Program has been an innovative program, resulting in Oklahoma being one of the top programs in the nation in adoptions, placing more children per capita in permanent adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, during the past three years due to the innovativeness and effectiveness of the Swift Adoption Services Program, approximately 3,264 children within Oklahoma have been placed in permanent adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division partnered in 1999 with the Casey Family Programs, the Oklahoma City Division, to provide an array of postadoption services to children and their adoptive families in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division recognizes the need to develop and implement post-legal adoption services in a much needed area of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division is making a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, to develop and implement services to adopted children and their families in a rural region, Area 5, comprised of sixteen counties where such program services are virtually nonexistent or very difficult to locate.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature applauds the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Human Services for submitting a grant application, "Developing Projects for Post-Legal Adoption Services", to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, to provide much-needed post-legal adoption services to Area 5 of the state.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the grant application and the development and implementation of post-legal adoption program services in order to meet the special needs of the adopted child and the adoptive family, thereby preventing crisis situations and preserving adoption placements.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the collaborative effort between the Oklahoma Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Human Services, the Casey Family Programs, Oklahoma City Division and the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work, for developing and ultimately evaluating post-legal adoption services across the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Department of Human Services, Howard Hendrick; the Director of the Oklahoma City Division of the Casey Family Programs, Patsy Sellars; Susan Orr, Associate Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau; and the Director of the School of Social Work of the University of Oklahoma, Roosevelt Wright, Jr. and Dr. James A. Rosenthal, University of Oklahoma School of Social Work.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of May,
2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate