

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION HCR1027

By: Matlock of the House

and

Rabon of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take action to provide timely funding to certain federal agencies; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the ice storms of December 13 and 25, 2000, ravaged thousands of acres of private and public forests in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton declared sixty-five Oklahoma counties as federal disaster areas for the purposes of providing early financial assistance to cities and counties to help with their most urgent ice storm-caused health and safety problems; and

WHEREAS, these early funds did not provide for the critical treatment and restoration work needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires on the private and public forestlands of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, if these lands go untreated, the ten-fold increase in fuel loadings may result in devastating fires that destroy private and public property and threaten the health and safety of countless Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, federal supplemental appropriation requests detailing the need by program area and the work that would be accomplished were sent by agency field officers to their agency headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby memorializes the President  
of the United States and the United States Congress to take all  
reasonable action necessary to provide adequate and timely funding  
to the federal agencies responsible for the treatment and  
restoration work on public and private forestlands of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President  
of the United States, the Governor, the Clerk of the United States  
House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate,  
and to each member of Oklahoma's congressional delegation.

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