ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1039

By: Covey of the House

and

Kerr and Laughlin of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution expressing legislative support for the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma project; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Great Plains area is one of the last strongholds of the Great American Prairie, telling a story rich in historical and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, a multifaceted group of stakeholders has been planning a Great Plains Trail to highlight this heritage, including members from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension, the Great Salt Plains Association, the Resource Conservation and Development Councils, the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Wildlife Refuges; and

WHEREAS, visitors who follow sections of the Trail will find phenomenal birding and wildlife viewing sites on both public and private lands; and

WHEREAS, birding and wildlife trails bring agencies, organizations, communities and individuals together to find common solutions to protect nature, tourism and wildlife habitats, and to sustain Oklahoma's environment for the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Trail has the potential to infuse millions of dollars into the economy of western Oklahoma while preserving its spectacular scenery and the culture that makes Oklahoma a premier prairie destination, at the same time providing for conservation of the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the economic, social and environmental benefits of the development of the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature wishes to express its support to all interested groups and communities in western Oklahoma for the Great Plains Trail of Oklahoma project.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Chairman of the Great Plains Resource Conservation and Development Association.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate