

EHCR 1056

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, March 29, 2004

ENGROSSED

House Concurrent
Resolution No. 1056
As Amended

7 ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1056 - By: BOREN, ADAIR,
8 BRANNON, CAREY, DORMAN, ELLIS, HAMILTON, LAMONS, LINDLEY, MILLER
9 (Ray), MORGAN (Danny), PHILLIPS, SMITHSON, TAYLOR, TYLER, WELLS,
10 WILT and WINCHESTER of the House and COATES and GUMM of the Senate.

11 A Concurrent Resolution relating to certain economic
12 conditions; making findings regarding trends in national
13 economy; making findings regarding certain economic
14 conditions in certain areas of the State of Oklahoma;
15 requesting certain assistance from Oklahoma Department of
16 Commerce and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; and
17 directing distribution.

18 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has experienced some of the same
19 effects as other states and the nation with respect to competitive
20 pressures on business enterprises; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma recognizes the value of economic
22 competition, but also recognizes that decisions regarding location
23 of capital assets and employment have an enormous impact on local
24 communities that depend upon viable business activity; and

25 WHEREAS, decisions by business entities that are intended to
26 promote profitable activity and the accumulation of earnings
27 sometimes have adverse effects upon communities and the people who

1 reside in those communities and who depend upon business
2 transactions for their livelihood; and

3 WHEREAS, recent trends, especially with regard to manufacturing
4 activity and the labor force that supports such manufacturing
5 activity, indicate that productive capacity is mobile and is not
6 necessarily dependent upon locations within the continental United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, all states are engaged in efforts to recruit and retain
9 viable business activity within their respective borders in order to
10 promote capital formation, personal wealth, community development
11 and a sense of security for their citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Seminole County, **Coal County** and Creek County,
13 Oklahoma, have experienced some significant declines in
14 manufacturing activity and a related decline in employment levels in
15 recent months; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has some resources, either
17 through access to federal programs or state initiatives, that can
18 reduce the adverse impact of declines in manufacturing activity and
19 the resulting reductions in employment or wages that sometimes
20 accompany such declines; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the State of Oklahoma, like other
22 states, to make such efforts as may be feasible in order to promote
23 economic development and to take such actions as may be proper to

1 protect local communities from the effects of downsizing or changes
2 in the business cycle.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma Department of Commerce take such steps and
7 actions as may be authorized by law to assist Seminole County, **Coal**
8 **County** and Creek County and communities located in Seminole County,
9 **Coal County** and Creek County with regard to the effects of recent
10 declines in manufacturing activity.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Department of Commerce examine ways in which
12 the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the
13 Small Cities Program or other programs involving distribution of
14 federal funds might be of assistance to either governmental entities
15 or private business entities within the Seminole County, **Coal County**
16 and Creek County areas.

17 THAT the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission take such
18 action as may be authorized to assist former employees or employees
19 who have experienced reductions in wages or hours for work.

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature take such actions, including
21 appropriations of funds to applicable entities, in order to lessen
22 the adverse effects of declines in manufacturing activity and to

1 assist persons adversely affected by such declines through available
2 incentives, programs or other resources.

3 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Director of
4 the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Director of the Oklahoma
5 Employment Security Commission, the Chair of the Appropriations and
6 Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
7 Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, dated 3-25-04 - DO PASS,
9 As Amended and Coauthored.