

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION HCR1003

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution urging certain local boards of education to include representative of military installation on board as a nonvoting, ex officio member; encouraging certain local boards of education to adopt a Memorandum of Agreement with military installations to provide a framework for relationships, roles and responsibilities; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma currently hosts five military installations:

Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City/Del City/Oklahoma City; Vance Air Force Base in Enid; Altus Air Force Base in Altus; Fort Sill Army Post in Lawton; and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester; and

WHEREAS, these military installations hold a combined economic impact of \$3.938 billion on the Oklahoma state economy, and employ more than 52,000 military and civilian personnel for an annual payroll in excess of \$1.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense estimates that approximately 850,000 military-connected students attend education programs in civilian communities, including those in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense has taken a proactive role in advocating for a quality, consistent education for all military children; and

WHEREAS, in a "Collection of Education Transition Issues" from Department of Defense Sponsored Studies and Focus Groups has expressed concerns relating to issues centered around differences in

1 graduation requirements, school calendars and course compatibility,  
2 difficulties in transferring records, various social and emotional  
3 factors in dealing with the unknown involved in a new school and  
4 community, and barriers to participation in extracurricular and  
5 enrichment activities; and

6 WHEREAS, in order to address these concerns a representative of  
7 the military installation should be included as a nonvoting, ex  
8 officio member of the school district board of education in which a  
9 military installation is located in order to fully represent the  
10 interests of the military-connected children; and

11 WHEREAS, to further address these many concerns the Military  
12 Child Education Coalition has proposed a Memorandum of Agreement to  
13 be adopted between school systems that serve military-connected  
14 children and the military installation to encourage and support  
15 mobile students; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma places a high priority on quality  
17 in education.

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

21 THAT the boards of education of the Mid-Del, Lawton, Enid, Altus  
22 and McAlester School Districts are urged to add a representative of  
23 the relevant military installation as a nonvoting, ex officio member  
24 of the school district board of education in order to fully  
25 represent the interests of the military-connected children.

26 THAT the boards of education of the Mid-Del, Lawton, Enid, Altus  
27 and McAlester School Districts are encouraged to enter into a  
28 Memorandum of Agreement with the relevant military installation to  
29 encourage and support mobile students.

30 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Board  
31 of Education, the State Board of Career and Technology Education,  
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1 the local boards of education in the Mid-Del, Lawton, Enid, Altus  
2 and McAlester School Districts, and the appropriate military  
3 officials at Tinker Air Force Base, Fort Sill, Vance Air Force Base,  
4 Altus Air Force Base and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant.

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