

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1032

By: Hutchison of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to direct resources to states during difficult budget shortfalls; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, states struggle to meet current spending plans, not to mention future budgets, which threaten education, transportation, social services and criminal justice and the National Governors Association expects state shortfalls to reach \$40 Billion this year forcing many states to cut programs, lay off workers and dip into rainy day funds; and

WHEREAS, the outlook for state and federal budgets appears dismal. The economic slowdown has resulted in plant closings, employee layoffs, decreases in production and seen business expansions put on hold. As a result of these conditions, state revenues have been adversely affected; and

WHEREAS, foreign aid is a controversial program with most Americans. Although the public continues to place the alleviation of world poverty and the promotion of development in poor countries as priorities on its list of foreign policy concerns - a view consistent with the American tradition of generosity - it has lost confidence that the federal government is well suited to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS, despite decades of foreign assistance, much of Africa and areas in Latin America, Asia and the Middle East are economically worse today than they were 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature believes that financial assistance is necessary to secure state programs for the good of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature strongly believes in the cooperation of the federal government in the challenging fiscal condition of the states.

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 members of the Oklahoma Legislature memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action in assisting the states in a time of financial need.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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