

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION HCR1076:

Morgan (Danny) of the House

and

Coates of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution declaring April 27, 2004, "Wellsite Safety Day" in the State of Oklahoma; commending the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board for wellsite safety education efforts and encouraging school district participation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, since the late 1980s, there have been ten reported oilfield-related deaths, including three Duncan teens who were killed in a tragic oilfield explosion in 1996; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to educate young persons and their parents about the danger of playing around wellsites; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB), through voluntary contributions from oil and natural gas producers and royalty owners, created the nation's first wellsite safety video in 1996 titled "Playing it Smart", which utilized professional football players to relay the message of wellsite safety; and

WHEREAS, the "Playing it Smart" video was distributed to every school in the state and was incorporated into the OERB Petro Active curriculum and Petro Pro presentations; and

WHEREAS, since the "Playing it Smart" video was distributed in 1996, there has been a significant decrease in oilfield deaths and injuries of young persons; and

WHEREAS, recently the OERB produced an updated version of the "Play it Smart" video, renaming it "What's the Risk?", and utilizing

extreme sport athletes to relay the message of wellsite safety and has distributed the new video to every school in the state; and

WHEREAS, OERB is launching a safety campaign based on the "What's the Risk?" video that will run statewide from April 26, 2004, to June 19, 2004, featuring television, radio, and newspaper advertisements and public service announcements; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the safety campaign, safety pocket folders featuring wellsite safety tips are being donated to school districts across the state and offered to parent groups as a fundraising opportunity; and

WHEREAS, a safety poster contest for children in the fourth through sixth grades is also being incorporated into the safety campaign which will award to the winning students cash prizes and an opportunity to attend Wellsite Safety Day at the State Capitol on April 27, 2004, and receive a formal presentation from Governor Brad Henry; and

WHEREAS, teachers across the state are encouraged to incorporate the "What's the Risk?" wellsite safety video and discussion in their lesson plans on April 27, 2004, and schools are encouraged to conduct an assembly on that day during which wellsite safety and the dangers of playing around wellsites can be presented to the students; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of educating the public, and in particular young persons, about wellsite safety and the danger of playing around wellsites.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature declares April 27, 2004, "Wellsite Safety Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board on its efforts to educate citizens of this state

about wellsite safety and encourages school districts to participate in the educational opportunities surrounding "Wellsite Safety Day".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board.

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