

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1020

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending certain members of the Texas House of Representatives; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, fifty-three courageous members of the minority party in the Texas House of Representatives have acted in defense of the concerns of Texas families, such as writing a state budget with a \$10 billion shortfall, resolving a school finance crisis, fixing a disaster in health care for children, the elderly, and disabled, and insurance reform, against a majority leadership acting in concert with Congressman Tom Delay to force a vote on a highly partisan congressional redistricting plan that has taken a higher priority than any other important issues pending before the Texas Legislature in its biennial session; and

WHEREAS, the offers of minority Texas House members to work with the leadership of the Texas House of Representatives night and day to resolve the major issues that must be acted upon before a Thursday deadline has been rebuffed by the House leadership; and

WHEREAS, absent any willingness from the House leadership to compromise with the fifty-three courageous members of the minority party in the Texas House of Representatives, they chose to fulfill their responsibilities to their constituents and to uphold their oaths of office in resisting what they considered to be an undemocratic, unjust, and unprecedented exercise of political partisanship by refusing to attend sessions of the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the absent state representatives are acting in accordance with rules of the Texas House of Representatives which protect the rights of a minority.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the courage of fifty-three members of the Texas House of Representatives who have decided to defend the rights of the minority and the more pressing needs of Texas families against the power grab of one Texas congressman and the majority leadership of the Texas House of Representatives who are more concerned with adding Republican members to the United States Congress than the educational, health, and other needs of Texas families.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Tom Craddick and Representative Jim Dunnam, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives.

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