

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1050:

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A Resolution supporting business development for enhancing the state's economy; encouraging state governmental entities to purchase Oklahoma goods and services; encouraging state governmental entities to be cognizant of impact of service provider location; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Americans over the years have taken great pride in being leaders of business development; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans are equally proud of the initiatives taken by the Legislature that have made Oklahoma conducive for business growth; and

WHEREAS, those initiatives have led the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy, in association with Forbes magazine, to rank Oklahoma among the top ten states in economic freedom; and

WHEREAS, in calculating this high rating for Oklahoma, the Institute evaluated such variables as tax rates, state spending, occupational licensing and environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the favorable economic freedom ranking made by the Pacific Research Institute on Public Policy, the Bureau of Economic Analysis within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce recently reported that the state's per capita personal income for 2003, grew at a faster rate than the U.S. average, at almost 3 percent compared to the U.S. growth of only 2.4 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Economic Analysis also reported that Oklahoma's per capita personal income is at its highest percentage of the U.S. average in 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature has, over the past years, supported numerous economic development initiatives and incentives to help stimulate the state's economy and promote business growth and development across Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, as former President Woodrow Wilson once said, "America first," the Oklahoma Legislature supports an "Oklahoma First" effort, whenever possible, to advance the growth and development of our Oklahoma business community; and

WHEREAS, it has recently been discovered that private contractors with the State of Oklahoma have subcontracted jobs to employees in foreign lands to conduct affairs involving Oklahoma residents.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports business development initiatives that would help enhance our state economy.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages purchasing directors of agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other entities of Oklahoma government to purchase Oklahoma products or services, unless it is determined that the value of the product or service, taking into account, price, performance and quality, does not meet the needs of the user.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives also encourages purchasing directors of agencies, boards, commissions, departments and other entities of Oklahoma government to be cognizant of the impact made when entering into contractual agreements with private vendors regarding the location of the service provider.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Director of the Department of Central Services and the purchasing directors of

all agencies, boards, commissions and other entities of the executive branch of state government and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

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