

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1012

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A Resolution honoring Kerr-McGee Corporation for their contribution to the oil and gas industry and the State of Oklahoma; expressing wishes and assistance for future success; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee Corporation, is a diverse, international energy company that employs over 4,000 people worldwide, 15% of which are employed in Oklahoma, holds more than \$14 billion in global assets and is headquartered in the state's capital city of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee, a recognized leader in independent oil and gas exploration and production, has always upheld the highest ethical standards and principles throughout its operations; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee and its employees are dedicated to the communities in which they live, work and play through donations of time, talent and funding proven by the numerous hours and dollars the employees contribute to nonprofit organizations and corporate support in Oklahoma of the Oklahoma City Memorial, the Capitol Dome Project and the state's 2007 Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee's core values represent a dedication to sound environmental and safety practices in its industry; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee is a long-standing company celebrating over 75 years of success and innovation, founded by two renowned Oklahomans, former Governor and Senator Robert S. Kerr and Dean A. McGee; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has achieved much success with proven reserves totaling 1.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent at the end of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has great potential for increased growth with 62 million gross undeveloped acres and more than 56 million acres in global deepwater locations; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has seen enormous growth in recent years with its 1999 merger with Oryx Energy Company, increasing Kerr-McGee's worldwide oil and gas exploratory prospects, reserves and productions; its 2001 acquisition of HS Resources, increasing U.S. gas reserves by 77% and worldwide production by 15%, and its merger with Westport in 2004, increasing the company's proved reserves by 30%; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has throughout its history been a leader in oil and gas exploration and production through its entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity by being the first in many industry developments, such as, being the first to drill a commercial oil well out of sight of land in the Gulf of Mexico, building the first column-stabilized drilling device, being the first to drill with a rig combining the "drill while floating" characteristics of a semisubmersible, being the first to use a floating production platform in producing the first oil from the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea, achieving a technological first with transfer of drilling equipment to a fixed platform, and being the first to develop a purpose-built, permanently moored floating production, storage and offloading facility; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee's recent technological advancements and economic enhancements in deepwater drilling by developing the world's first truss spar and building the next generation spar, the cell spar, ensures its placement as a leading innovator in oil and gas exploration and production; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is fortunate to have the nation's sixth largest independent oil and gas exploration and production company's corporate headquarters in state; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has prospered under the positive economic impact of Kerr-McGee with the company employing 600 Oklahoma citizens, dispensing over \$85 million in payroll and benefits in 2004 alone, paying \$10 million in taxes in the last year, spending \$59 million on Oklahoma goods and services in 2004, and donating nearly \$2 million to Oklahoma educational, community and nonprofit organizations in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee is one of four Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Oklahoma and Oklahomans and the company's 600 employees would want to fight to keep Kerr-McGee here and thriving; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee already contributes to Oklahoma's growing research community with its Chemical's Technical Center, which includes a research and development facility and a technical sales and service laboratory, located in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas contributes not only to worldwide production but also state production by operating nearly 700 wells in Oklahoma, with gross daily production of approximately 2,000 barrels of oil and 46 million cubic feet of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has pledged to continue its growth and production in Oklahoma with expectations to drill more than 20 wells in the state this year; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee's long history of high ethical standards and the public's faith in the company are evident in rising stock prices, more than doubling over the last year, despite adverse attacks from corporate raiders; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee has been a successful publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange since 1956; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee's mission is to create value for its shareholders through the energy industry; and

WHEREAS, Kerr-McGee's shareholders have provided the fuel for the engine that has driven Kerr-McGee's success and benefits to our state and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby offer, with pride and honor, their most sincere commendation to one of the state's most respected and honorable companies, Kerr-McGee Corporation, for their contribution in innovations and development to the oil and gas community and to the growth and prosperity of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby wishes the Kerr-McGee Corporation success in its future endeavors and will actively seek ways to assist the company in its continued growth and development.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commits to seek ways to enhance Oklahoma's allure as a location for corporate headquarters and to support the efforts of the management of the Kerr-McGee Corporation and other major corporations with headquarters in Oklahoma to bring value to their shareholders and continued benefits to the people of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as a permanent record of the sentiments expressed herein.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Kerr-McGee Corporation, its Board of Directors and Corporate Officers.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives