

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1041

By: Balkman of the House

and

Brogdon of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring the Federal Census Bureau to record only citizens of the United States in the federal census; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution currently provides in the Fourteenth Amendment, "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State..."; and

WHEREAS, including the approximately 18.5 million illegals and other noncitizens living in America in the census for the purpose of apportionment disenfranchises law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, by counting people in place of citizens, Florida, Texas, New York, and California received a disproportionate increase in congressional seats in 2000, whereas Oklahoma, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Wisconsin would have each gained a seat if apportionment were based on the number of citizens in a state; and

WHEREAS, a total of nine seats in Congress would have been apportioned differently and Oklahoma would have retained its six seats had the census included only U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Census Bureau should provide states with the requisite resources to conduct a thorough and accurate count in

the 2010 census in order to obtain a more precise apportionment of congressional seats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature memorializes Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring the Federal Census Bureau to record only citizens of the United States in the federal census.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature directs the State of Oklahoma and all its subdivisions to work with the United States Census Bureau to ensure that a full and thorough count of Oklahoma's citizens is conducted.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor of Oklahoma, the President of the United States, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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