STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1067

By: Armes of the House

and

Bass of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating the Lawton Rangers as the Official State of Oklahoma Riding Club; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Lawton Rangers have come a long way down the road that started in 1945, when ten Lawton citizens sold shares at $1,000 to form a riding club to promote horsemanship by holding rodeos in Comanche County, State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, this was started on ten acres, and as Lawton grew and expanded this acreage was sold and the Lawton Rangers bought forty acres four miles east of Lawton, naming it the Lawton LO Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the Lawton Rangers have sponsored a rodeo each year and celebrated their 68th rodeo in 2005, and have grown to be rated 37th in payout money in the United States in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Lawton Rangers annually give two to four scholarships to Comanche County graduating high school seniors and a $500 scholarship each semester for agricultural students, and $1,000 to $2,500 each year to the Comanche County Spring Livestock Show; and

WHEREAS, the Lawton Rangers ride in many parades in the area, including the Christmas Parade, the Fort Sill Armed Forces Day Parade and the Guthrie ‘89ers Parade, which is the largest rodeo parade in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Lawton Rangers have represented Lawton and the State of Oklahoma in the Fort Worth, Texas, Livestock Show Parade, and have ridden in the Grand Entries of the Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and Vernon, Texas, rodeos; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, 2001, and 2002 the Lawton Rangers were shown on national television and were the first riding club broadcast worldwide for the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Lawton Rangers organized a cross-state Pony Express to officially deliver Lawton's Centennial Proclamation.

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 designates the Lawton Rangers as the Official State of Oklahoma Riding Club.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Lawton Rangers.

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