STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1033 By: Liotta

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending The Bama Companies of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for outstanding and exemplary business practices as cited by President Bush and Commerce Secretary Don Evans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, The Bama Companies based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was recently awarded the 2004 Baldrige Award by President George W. Bush and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, the nation's only Presidential award for quality and organizational performance excellence, in which it competed among 60 applicants nationwide; and

WHEREAS, after only 78 years in business The Bama Companies commands annual revenues in excess of $200 million and employ a workforce of over 1,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, Bama's sales have risen to $200 million, an increase of 47% since 1999, without having raised prices on its hand-held pies and biscuits since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Bama's sales per employee rose 9% from $175,000 to $205,000 between 2002 and 2003 with new product ideas implemented at 10 times the industry average; and

WHEREAS, Bama encourages its employees to pursue college education with a tuition reimbursement program resulting in an investment of over $400,000 in tuition payments in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bama's employee satisfaction rating is measured at 8 on a 10-point scale and has had no safety, health, or environmental violations since 2000; and

WHEREAS, through Bama's community service activities, its employees contributed nearly 7,000 community service hours in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Bama has received many other rewards for its accomplishments including The Company to Work For (2004, Tulsa People), Best Corporate Citizen (2004, Tulsa People), United Way Gold Award, and the Most Family Friendly Corporation in Tulsa Award from Family and Children Services (2000).

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

THAT The Bama Companies of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has represented the State of Oklahoma, its people, and our state's business community with outstanding performance and exemplary business practices.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends The Bama Companies for making further and notable contributions to the culture, prosperity, and general welfare of the Great State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to The Bama Companies CEO, Paula Marshall-Chapman, to the mayor of the City of Tulsa, and to the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

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