STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1037 By: Winchester

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A Resolution recognizing Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin's support of the aerospace industry in the state; recognizing the work of the Governor's Aerospace Task Force; supporting the recommendations of the Governor's Aerospace Task Force; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a long and storied history in the development and growth of the aviation and aerospace industries; and

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is an important element in the economic growth of the state; and

WHEREAS, based on a 1999 report, the aviation and aerospace industry directly or indirectly employs approximately 143,000 persons in the state, accounts for $4.7 Billion in payroll, $11.7 Billion in industrial output, $77 Million in state income tax, and $60.6 Million in state sales tax; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma aerospace companies face difficult challenges in competing in the global aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin has long been active in boosting aviation and aerospace development and education throughout Oklahoma and is currently completing a term as chair of the Aerospace States Association; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin is supporting and forwarding the needs of the aerospace industry in Oklahoma by hosting her second annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo on Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Governor's Aerospace Task Force, Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin worked with members of the public and private sector to find ways to recruit new aviation and aerospace businesses and jobs to the state while protecting and encouraging the growth of the companies currently located in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Aerospace Task Force recommended twelve actions that will improve the competitive advantage of Oklahoma aerospace companies today and in the future.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby recognizes Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin and her support of the aerospace industry in Oklahoma by hosting the second annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and Expo on Monday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 3.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends the work of Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin and the Governor's Aerospace Task Force to address the present problems and future support for the aerospace industry.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares its support of the twelve recommendations found in the 2004 Report of the Governor's Aerospace Task Force, which includes creating a cooperative council, enhancing the services of the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Centers, establishing an Oklahoma business promotion office focused on aerospace contracts, creating a funding source to enable small companies to compete for contracts, creating an organization similar to the Canadian Commercial Corporation, seeking Tort and Workers' Compensation reform, repealing certain aircraft parts sales tax provisions, reducing product liability insurance costs, establishing a single point of contact for the aerospace industry to access statewide higher education and research assets, establishing a statewide aerospace trade association, developing an

aerospace asset inventory, and holding the annual Oklahoma Aerospace Summit and growing it into a national event.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Lieutenant Governor Mary Fallin, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

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