

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1039

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing Oklahoma libraries to confine books with subject matter inappropriate for children to adult-only sections; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the development of children requires certain guidance and protection by adults to ensure that their maturation is timely and results in a greater degree of personal responsibility and respect for their role in society; and

WHEREAS, such development should be at the discretion of a child's parents free from interference from the distribution of inappropriate publicly cataloged materials; and

WHEREAS, libraries should remain public establishments free of exposure to children by material that may be deemed harmful and inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, materials concerning human sexuality and those of an arguably prurient nature are such that should not be readily available for consumption by children; nor should the distribution of such materials to children be supported by public finance; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey shows that 88% of Oklahomans favor restricting the availability of homosexually themed books and over 50% of those favor withholding funds from libraries that fail to do so; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans approved by over 75% vote a State Constitutional amendment restricting marriage to that between one

man and one woman and thus rendered materials promoting homosexual marriage inconsistent with current law.

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 memorializes Oklahoma libraries to confine homosexually themed books and other age-inappropriate material to areas exclusively for adult access and distribution.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to the American Library Association; the Oklahoma Library Association; the Mayor of Oklahoma City, Mick Cornett; the Oklahoma City Council; and the Metropolitan Library Commission.

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