STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1072 By: Richardson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring George Washington on his birthday.

WHEREAS, February 22, 2006, is the 274th anniversary of George Washington's birth; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was the successful Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, after defeating the British, General Washington laid down his sword in emulation of the Roman hero Cincinnatus; and

WHEREAS, in 1787, he presided over the Constitutional Convention with wisdom, helping to establish our republican traditions of separation of powers, popular accountability, deliberation, and limited government; and

WHEREAS, for his vital role not only in crafting the written Constitution, but also establishing the precedents and traditions that give our Constitution efficacy, he was declared "Father of his Country"; and

WHEREAS, President Washington knew that a great leader does not seek to lead alone, but rather surrounds himself with greatness and therefore raised up great men like Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams, thereby uniting disparate factions, cementing our national union; and

WHEREAS, after serving two terms in the Presidency, he voluntarily relinquished his power to return to his beloved wife

Martha and their estate, Mount Vernon, thereby establishing a valuable precedent essential to our liberty; and

WHEREAS, since his death in 1799, all American leaders have been judged by the impeccable standard of our first President.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors President George Washington on what would be his 274th birthday.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives is proud to celebrate his birthday as a statewide holiday.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives remembers the greatness of our first President of the United States of America.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby declare February 22, 2006, to be George Washington Day in Oklahoma and urges all the citizens of Oklahoma to be cognizant of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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