

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1080

By: Duncan

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A Resolution requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of Oklahoma give first priority to supporting and passing the defense appropriations bill first; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation of our United States federal government; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our United States Armed Forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our nation; and

WHEREAS, in past years politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on America, President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the defense appropriations bill before passing other spending bills; and

WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 budgets when it passed the defense appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers.

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 commends Congress for making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 and requests that the congressmen and senators from our state continue this important tradition by passing and enacting the defense appropriations bill before other spending bills in 2006 and in future years.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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