

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1047

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution declaring that the acceptance of  
8 campaign contributions during sessions of the  
9 Legislature should be abolished.

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11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma legislators have a responsibility to vote on  
12 behalf of their constituents and in their constituents' best  
13 interest; and

14 WHEREAS, registered lobbyists represent business and special  
15 interests that have much to gain or lose from the passage or defeat  
16 of certain pieces of legislation; and

17 WHEREAS, the acceptance of campaign contributions from such  
18 interest groups during session may prevent a legislator from  
19 zealously advocating their district's needs; and

20 WHEREAS, the practice of accepting campaign contributions during  
21 the legislative session is irresponsible and often leads to  
22 corruption and scandal.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1        THAT all elected officials are held to a higher standard of  
2 ethical behavior and responsibility and any breach in this standard  
3 of care is deeply troubling for the future of Oklahoma.

4        THAT the acceptance of campaign contributions from special  
5 interest groups and registered lobbyists during sessions of the  
6 Legislature should be abolished.

7        THAT ending the practice of accepting campaign contributions  
8 during legislative sessions is the first step in preserving the  
9 integrity of elected officials and protecting the public's trust in  
10 their leaders.

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