

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1013

By: Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Benge,
Billy, Blackwell, Brannon, Brown,
Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian,
Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank,
Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan,
Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton,
Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland,
Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson,
Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key,
Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons,
Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott),
Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough,
McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy),
McMullen, McNiel, McPeak, Miller,
Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey,
Nations, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn,
Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman,
Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds,
Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot,
Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears,
Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake,
Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan,
Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs,
Trebilcock, Walker, Watson,
Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold)
and Wright (John) of the House

and

Bass of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress and
the President of the United States to ensure that the
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge will remain open
with full access to recreational opportunities; and
directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge located twenty
2 miles northwest of Lawton, Oklahoma, has been officially designated
3 as a wildlife refuge since 1936; and

4 WHEREAS, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is the only
5 national wildlife area in Oklahoma which offers an array of
6 recreational activities including camping, hiking, auto and bike
7 tours, rock climbing, elk hunting and fishing; and

8 WHEREAS, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge also holds Mount
9 Scott, one of Oklahoma's most prominent mountains and legendary
10 sites, which boasts many tales of ancient spirits, Spanish gold and
11 buried outlaw loot; and

12 WHEREAS, the Holy City of the Wichita's Easter service, the
13 longest running passion play in the United States, has been
14 presented annually since 1926 in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife
15 Refuge; and

16 WHEREAS, because of the variety and number of attractions, the
17 Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge draws 1,000,000 visitors annually;
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19 WHEREAS, Oklahomans are concerned and sensitive to the needs to
20 assess and determine the impact of public demands on the Wichita
21 Mountains Wildlife Refuge with relation to preserving game animals
22 and bird habitats and breeding grounds; and

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1 WHEREAS, this concern and sensitivity was molded and forged due
2 to the availability of and accessibility to state and national parks
3 by Oklahomans; and

4 WHEREAS, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is an integral
5 part of Oklahoma's heritage and a key link in maintaining Oklahoma's
6 close relationship with the land and wildlife resources of this
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, the continued accessibility and availability of the
9 Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge to the people of Oklahoma as well
10 as visitors to this state are of great importance to this state.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
13 CONCURRING THEREIN:

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes the Congress of
15 the United States and the President of the United States to ensure
16 that the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is allowed to remain open
17 with full access and availability to recreational opportunities now
18 currently existing within the wildlife refuge.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of
20 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, to the President of the
21 United States and to the Secretary of the Department of the
22 Interior.

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