

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1001

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A Resolution encouraging the Department of Public Safety and others to implement an early warning system program known as a Blue Alert; stating purpose; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, brave and dedicated Oklahoma law enforcement officers have been killed or injured in the line of duty by violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has an early warning system program used in an "Amber Alert" and "Silver Alert" capable of the rapid dissemination of vital information; and

WHEREAS, violent acts against law enforcement officials occurring on Oklahoma roads make the rapid dissemination of information critical to the apprehension of violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, use of Oklahoma's early warning system program would assist in the apprehension of violent criminals who have killed or seriously injured law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, to aid in the apprehension of violent criminals responsible for the death or serious injury of local, state or federal law enforcement officers, an early warning system program known as a "Blue Alert" may be developed; and

WHEREAS, a "Blue Alert" early warning system program should be a coordinated effort among the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement agencies, and media officials; and

WHEREAS, it is important to the safety of all Oklahoma citizens to ensure the implementation of a statewide "Blue Alert" system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies and media officials, is encouraged to implement a statewide early warning system program known as a "Blue Alert" to aid in the apprehension of violent criminals responsible for the death or serious injury of local, state or federal law enforcement officers.

THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 11th day of February, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives