

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1079

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A Resolution commending the crews and support personnel who restored electricity following the winter storm in January 2010; commending employees and volunteers of organizations that provided assistance; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Henry declared a statewide declaration of emergency due to a severe winter storm that affected the entire State of Oklahoma in late January 2010; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama approved the State of Oklahoma's request for an emergency declaration in order to authorize federal resources to assist in responding to the storm; and

WHEREAS, over 19,000 electrical poles, 6,000 power lines, and 136,000 electric meters were affected by the winter storm in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, over 900,000 Oklahomans lost electric service as a result of the storm; and

WHEREAS, volunteers with Oklahoma chapters of the American Red Cross worked approximately 10,000 hours in support of winter storm relief and provided over 24,000 meals and 2,500 shelter stays to Oklahomans affected by the storm; and

WHEREAS, Lori Linstead, Executive Director for 211, reported over 2,500 calls were received regarding assistance available to those affected by the storm; and

WHEREAS, employees of the state's electrical companies worked tirelessly in an effort to restore power to those individuals who lost electricity; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that these employees worked over 47,000 hours of overtime hours to repair the poles and lines affected by the storm; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is appreciative of the many thousands of individuals from outside the state who traveled to assist in the effort to restore power to Oklahomans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma commends the crews and support personnel who worked tirelessly to restore electricity following the severe winter storm that affected the entire State of Oklahoma in late January 2010.

THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma further commends the employees and volunteers of organizations who worked countless hours to assist those affected by the storm.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pete Delany, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of OGE Energy Corporation and OGE Electric Services, Chris Meyers, General Manager/CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, and Stuart Solomon, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives