

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 121

By: Sweeden

A Resolution favoring the raising of public awareness of the importance of affordable housing; designating October 2010 "Housing America Month" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, for more than 75 years it has been the policy of this nation, under the U.S. Housing Act, to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income. According to the "State of the Nation's Housing" report, 15.6 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Housing Conference, health care workers and many other working professionals are priced out of homeownership in the majority of U.S. metropolitan areas. According to the Housing Assistance Council, 1.7 million (6.3%) of rural homes were considered substandard in 2005; and

WHEREAS, a number of housing organizations are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources. These groups have declared October "Housing America Month", a national campaign to educate and inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma, which has over a period of many years endeavored to address affordable housing and community

development needs, has been successful in doing so using a combination of local, state, and federal resources.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate favors raising the public's awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates October 2010 "Housing America Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO); Greg Jungman, Program Center Coordinator, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Office of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Blake Farris, President of the Oklahoma NAHRO; and Thelma Holt-Totten, Coordinator for the Housing America Campaign 2010.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of May, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate