

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Resolution No. 1079

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1079 - By: DORMAN of the House.

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.

1 WHEREAS, Governor Brad Henry declared a statewide declaration of emergency
2 due to a severe winter storm that affected the entire State of Oklahoma in late January
3 2010; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pete Delany, Chairman, President
20 and Chief Executive Officer of OGE Energy Corporation and OGE Electric Services,
21 Chris Meyers, General Manager/CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Electric

- 1 Cooperatives, and Stuart Solomon, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Public
- 2 Service Company of Oklahoma.
- 3 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.