

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 18, 2010

House Resolution No. 1097

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1097 - By: JETT of the House.

A Resolution recognizing the importance of study abroad; encouraging Oklahoma institutions of higher education to meet challenges of global society; and directing distribution.

1 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma recognizes the
2 importance of study abroad at our institutions of higher education for the future of
3 Oklahoma; and

4 WHEREAS, the world has become increasingly interconnected through advances in
5 technology and transportation, and a global perspective is critical in facing the
6 challenges of the 21st century; and

7 WHEREAS, providing the future leaders of this state with the broadest possible
8 education will significantly impact our national security, foreign policy, economic
9 competitiveness, economic revenue and capacity for tolerance; and

10 WHEREAS, universities and colleges should be encouraged to introduce Oklahoma
11 students in all majors to other cultures, foreign languages, and global issues and to
12 provide opportunities to study abroad, which will enrich students' perspectives and
13 personal development; and

1 WHEREAS, institutions of higher education should collaboratively participate in a
2 study abroad consortium; and

3 WHEREAS, study abroad would allow Oklahomans to compete with other markets
4 and strengthen the value of an education received in Oklahoma, to create a workforce
5 that is capable of excelling the increasingly global marketplace and attract industry, and
6 to expand the opportunity for access to study abroad to become a cornerstone of higher
7 education in Oklahoma.

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

11 THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma hereby recognizes the
12 importance of study abroad and encourages Oklahoma institutions of higher education to
13 meet the challenges of a global society.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sunny Garner, National NAFSA
15 Oklahoma State Whip.

16 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.