

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1011

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing the issue of teen dating violence and encouraging leaders to work together to develop teen dating violence prevention strategies.

WHEREAS, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year; and

WHEREAS, 47% of teen dating violence victims experience abuse on school campuses, and teenagers in abusive relationships consistently show higher rates of drug abuse, dropping out of school, high-risk sexual behavior, depression, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has recently determined that the State of Oklahoma is ranked 3rd in the nation in the number of teens who have been physically hurt by their boyfriends; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has found that the ages during junior high and high school are the ideal time to integrate dating violence prevention strategies because it is during this

1 period that skills are developed to form healthy, positive
2 relationships with others.

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

5 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes teen
6 dating violence is an important and dangerous issue facing young
7 people today.

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages community
9 and education leaders to work together to develop teen dating
10 violence prevention strategies in the State of Oklahoma.

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