

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1004

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending members of Congress opposing  
8 bailouts of American companies; encouraging members  
9 of Congress to oppose future bailouts; and directing  
10 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, America is embroiled in an economic crisis which  
13 threatens to become a severe and prolonged recession; and

14 WHEREAS, as an alleged remedy to the economic crisis, the United  
15 States Congress proposed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of  
16 2008 ("Bank Bailout Bill"), which would authorize the US Secretary  
17 of the Treasury to spend \$850 billion to bail out the financial  
18 industry from the consequences of its own poor decisions and  
19 misguided government policies, by purchasing distressed assets,  
20 especially mortgage-backed securities, and make capital injections  
21 into banks; and

22 WHEREAS, when the original Bank Bailout Bill failed to pass, it  
23 was augmented with \$150 billion in additional, unnecessary spending  
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1 designed to earn the incumbent politicians who voted for it the  
2 support of their constituents back home; and

3 WHEREAS, Congress adopted, and President Bush signed, the  
4 bloated Bank Bailout Bill; and

5 WHEREAS, the Bank Bailout Bill has neither reversed the economic  
6 crisis nor protected the taxpayers, but rather has added \$850  
7 billion to their tax bill and raised the national debt ceiling from  
8 \$10 trillion to \$11.3 trillion, which has the potential long-term  
9 effect of further weakening the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, there have been other federal government bailouts,  
11 including the 85-billion-dollar bailout of American International  
12 Group Inc. in return for its nationalization, with the United States  
13 acquiring an almost eighty percent equity stake in the company, a  
14 bailout and nationalization of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and a  
15 bailout of Bear Sterns; and

16 WHEREAS, the cost to the American taxpayers of the various  
17 bailouts enacted by the 110th Congress and signed into law by  
18 President Bush is potentially \$8.7 trillion; and

19 WHEREAS, none of these bailouts have forestalled the economic  
20 recession, protected the jobs of American workers, made American  
21 companies more competitive, or relieved the tax burden on American  
22 taxpayers, but rather have threatened to deepen the economic  
23 recession, and have increased the national debt and the burden faced  
24 by the American taxpayers; and

1       WHEREAS, the "Big Three" Automakers (Chrysler, General Motors,  
2 and Ford) appealed to Congress for a bailout of their own, seeking  
3 up to \$34 billion in emergency aid; and

4       WHEREAS, on December 11, 2008, the US House of Representatives  
5 passed the Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act ("Auto  
6 Bailout Bill"), which authorized \$14 billion in loans to the  
7 automobile industry; and

8       WHEREAS, while the Auto Bailout Bill was rejected in the US  
9 Senate, on December 19, 2008, President Bush announced that he would  
10 create a 17.4-billion-dollar Auto Bailout Package for the auto  
11 industry, taking the money from the funds appropriated by the Bank  
12 Bailout Bill; and

13       WHEREAS, the Auto Bailout Package is a bailout of the bad  
14 management decisions of the leadership of the automobile industry,  
15 and will not make the automobile industry solvent, because it does  
16 not address the underlying cause of its financial difficulties; and

17       WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed an enormous public works  
18 project ("Government Bailout Plan"); and

19       WHEREAS, the Government Bailout Plan will not fix America's  
20 economic woes, but rather will extend the current economic crisis,  
21 much as President Franklin Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration  
22 extended the Great Depression, and will cost the American taxpayers  
23 \$1 trillion or more; and

1       WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma soundly believe  
2 in the ideals of free competition and fiscal responsibility; and

3       WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma are fundamentally  
4 opposed to the Bank Bailout Bill, the Auto Bailout Package, and the  
5 Government Bailout Plan.

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

8       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the members  
9 of the US Congress who have opposed the bills seeking to bail out  
10 American industries and to nationalize American companies.

11       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all  
12 members of the US Congress to oppose any and all future bailouts  
13 that might come before the Congress, including President Obama's  
14 Government Bailout Plan.

15       THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to the  
16 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
17 House of Representatives, and the President of the United States  
18 Senate.

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