

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution opposing selective pay raises for
8 selective people, or unnecessary hiring in a year
9 when average state workers will not receive a pay
10 raise.

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12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives has publicly
13 taken a position on fiscal austerity and to passing a lean and
14 responsible state budget; and

15 WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate have told state agencies they
17 cannot expect a budget increase for fiscal year 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, state employees, in consideration of this stand-still
19 appropriation, have not received a pay raise in three (3) years; and

20 WHEREAS, state teacher salaries are still below the regional
21 average; and

22 WHEREAS, there is projected to be anywhere between a \$600-
23 million and \$900-million shortfall in the 2009 state budget; and
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1 WHEREAS, Senate President Pro Tempore Coffee has approved
2 significant pay raises for certain select Senate employees of his
3 choosing; and

4 WHEREAS, Fred Morgan, a former state legislator, was approved
5 for and given by Senator Coffee a twelve-percent pay raise to
6 \$140,000 for a part-time job because former Representative Fred
7 Morgan still practices law with the firm of Reynolds, Ridings, Vogt
8 & Morgan; and

9 WHEREAS, certain members of the Oklahoma State Legislature have
10 criticized the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education for giving
11 former Speaker of the House Glen Johnson a five-percent pay raise in
12 addition to a \$10,000 bonus; and

13 WHEREAS, in these financially difficult times the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives has hired Jim Reese for a salary of
15 \$100,000 which goes against the idea of fiscal appropriateness.

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

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives opposes selective pay
19 raises for selective people, or unnecessary hiring in a year when
20 average state workers will not receive a pay raise.

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does not condone or
22 approve such pay raises and will eliminate all selective pay raises
23 for selective people including former State Representative Fred
24 Morgan because it is fiscally inconsistent with what has publically

1 | been stated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
2 | Senate President Pro Tempore Coffee.

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