

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1079

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending the crews and support
8 personnel who restored electricity following the
9 winter storm in January 2010; commending employees
10 and volunteers of organizations that provided
11 assistance; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, volunteers with Oklahoma chapters of the American Red
24 Cross worked approximately 10,000 hours in support of winter storm

1 relief and provided over 24,000 meals and 2,500 shelter stays to
2 Oklahomans affected by the storm; and

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

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

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

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pete Delany,
2 Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of OGE Energy
3 Corporation and OGE Electric Services, Chris Meyers, General
4 Manager/CEO of the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives,
5 and Stuart Solomon, President and Chief Operating Officer of the
6 Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

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