

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1039

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of
8 the post office system; expressing support for the
9 enactment of the Access to Postal Services Act; and
10 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the Postal Service has specific power under 39 U.S.C.,
13 Section 404(a)(3) to determine the need for post offices, postal and
14 training facilities and equipment as it determines are needed; and

15 WHEREAS, 39 U.S.C., Section 404(d)(1) requires the Postal
16 Service to follow a formal procedure for closing or consolidating
17 post offices; and

18 WHEREAS, there is no legal requirement for the Postal Service to
19 follow this procedure when closing or consolidating classified
20 stations and branches; and

21 WHEREAS, the Postal Service is required to provide types of mail
22 service to meet the needs of different categories of mail and mail
23 users; and
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1 WHEREAS, in establishing and maintaining postal facilities of
2 such character and in such locations, the postal patrons throughout
3 the nation will, consistent with reasonable economies of postal
4 operations, have ready access to essential postal services; and

5 WHEREAS, in providing services under Title 39, the Postal
6 Service shall not, except as specifically authorized under Title 39,
7 make any undue or unreasonable discrimination among users of the
8 mails; and

9 WHEREAS, the Postal Service is required under 39 U.S.C., Section
10 101(b) to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal
11 services to rural areas, communities and small towns where post
12 offices are not self-sustaining; and

13 WHEREAS, there is no instrument in place to prevent the Postal
14 Service from making decisions when closing or consolidating a
15 classified station or branch, not in accordance with the law or
16 unsupported by substantial evidence on the record; and

17 WHEREAS, the Postal Service's decisions and actions when closing
18 or consolidating classified stations and branches have effectively
19 resulted in denying residents of urban and rural communities access
20 to necessary postal services.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:
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1 THAT the State of Oklahoma recognizes the importance of our post
2 office system.

3 THAT the State of Oklahoma hereby fully supports immediate
4 passage and enactment of HR 658, known as the "Access to Postal
5 Services Act".

6 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
7 of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
8 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Speaker
9 of the House and President of the Senate of each state's legislature
10 of the United States of America, and each member of the Oklahoma
11 Congressional Delegation.

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