

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 121

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 A Resolution favoring the raising of public awareness  
7 of the importance of affordable housing; designating  
8 October 2010 "Housing America Month" in the State of  
9 Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

10 WHEREAS, for more than 75 years it has been the policy of this  
11 nation, under the U.S. Housing Act, to promote the general welfare  
12 of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the states  
13 and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary  
14 housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe, and  
15 sanitary dwellings for families of lower income. According to the  
16 "State of the Nation's Housing" report, 15.6 million households now  
17 pay more than half of their income for housing; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the National Housing Conference, health  
19 care workers and many other working professionals are priced out of  
20 homeownership in the majority of U.S. metropolitan areas. According  
21 to the Housing Assistance Council, 1.7 million (6.3%) of rural homes  
22 were considered substandard in 2005; and

23 WHEREAS, a number of housing organizations are united in an  
24 effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable  
housing and community development programs and resources. These

1 groups have declared October "Housing America Month", a national  
2 campaign to educate and inform the public and decision makers of the  
3 critical need to address the nation's housing and community  
4 development concerns; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma, which has over a period of many  
6 years, endeavored to address affordable housing and community  
7 development needs, has been successful in doing so using a  
8 combination of local, state, and federal resources.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
10 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate favors raising the public's  
12 awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community  
13 development programs and resources.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates October 2010 "Housing  
15 America Month" in the State of Oklahoma.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the National  
17 Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO); Greg  
18 Jungman, Program Center Coordinator, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Office  
19 of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
20 (HUD); Blake Farris, President of the Oklahoma NAHRO; and Thelma  
21 Holt-Totten, Coordinator for the Housing America Campaign 2010.

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