

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 43

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution declaring April 16, 2009, "One Day
10 Without Shoes" in the State of Oklahoma; asking
11 Senate members and staff to go without shoes for at
12 least ten minutes on April 16, 2009; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, in some developing nations, children must walk for
15 miles for food, clean water, and to seek medical aid. Often
16 children cannot attend schools barefoot. Cuts and sores on feet can
17 lead to serious infections. In Ethiopia, approximately one million
18 people are suffering from Podoconiosis, a debilitating and
19 disfiguring disease caused by walking barefoot in volcanic soil.
20 Podoconiosis is 100% preventable by wearing shoes; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2006 an American traveler, Blake Mycoskie,
22 befriended children in Argentina and found they had no shoes to
23 protect their feet. Wanting to help, he created a company, Tom's
24 Shoes, that would match every pair of shoes sold with a pair given

1 to a child in need – One for One. Since its beginning, Tom’s and
2 his patrons have given over 140,000 pairs of shoes to children in
3 need through the One for One model. Tom’s plans to give over
4 300,000 pairs of shoes to children in need throughout the world in
5 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, in Oklahoma on April 16, 2009, the following
7 educational institutions will be observing One Day Without Shoes in
8 support of Tom’s Shoes One for One program: Bartlesville High
9 School in Bartlesville; Southern Nazarene University in Bethany;
10 University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond; Gore High School in Gore;
11 University of Oklahoma in Norman; Oklahoma State University in
12 Stillwater; Northeastern State University in Tahlequah; Tulsa
13 University in Tulsa; and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in
14 Weatherford; and

15 WHEREAS, each campus will be demonstrating its support in a
16 different manner, but all are united in an effort to bring attention
17 to the impact a simple pair of shoes can have on one’s life.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
19 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate supports the concept behind Tom’s
21 Shoes One for One program and declares April 16, 2009, “One Day
22 Without Shoes” in the State of Oklahoma.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate in order to demonstrate their
2 commitment asks all members and staff to go without shoes for at
3 least ten minutes on April 16, 2009.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Blake Mycoskie,
5 founder of Tom's Shoes.

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