

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1006

By: Ritze

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution petitioning the Trial Division of the  
9                   Court on the Judiciary to assume jurisdiction and  
10                  institute proceedings for the removal of a certain  
11                  judge from office; and directing distribution.

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13                  WHEREAS, the Code of Judicial Conduct for Oklahoma judges  
14                  provides that an independent and honorable judiciary is  
15                  indispensable to justice in our society and that a judge should  
16                  participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing high  
17                  standards of conduct; and

18                  WHEREAS, personal observation of high standards is critical so  
19                  that the integrity and independence of the judiciary will be  
20                  preserved; and

21                  WHEREAS, the Code of Judicial Conduct for Oklahoma judges  
22                  further provides that a judge should respect and comply with the law  
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1 and act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in  
2 the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

3 WHEREAS, District Judge Tammy Bass-LeSure, Oklahoma County Judge  
4 of the Seventh Judicial District, exercising judicial power under  
5 the Oklahoma Constitution and laws of the State of Oklahoma has  
6 wholly failed to comply with certain provisions of the Code of  
7 Judicial Conduct for allegedly committing offenses involving moral  
8 turpitude; specifically, thirty felony counts of making a false or  
9 fictitious or fraudulent claim against the State of Oklahoma, a  
10 violation of Section 358 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and  
11 two felony counts of perjury, a violation of Section 491 of Title 21  
12 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

13 WHEREAS, the commission of offenses involving moral turpitude  
14 allegedly committed by District Judge Tammy Bass-LeSure shall be  
15 cause for said removal from office.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT Section 1 of Article VII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution  
19 provides that the judges of any court, exercising judicial power  
20 under the provisions of Article VII, or under any other provision of  
21 the Oklahoma Constitution, shall be subject to removal from office  
22 by proceedings in the Court on the Judiciary.

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1        THAT Section 1 of Article VII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution  
2 provides certain causes for the removal of a judge from office,  
3 including the commission while in office of any offense involving  
4 moral turpitude.

5        THAT the Court on the Judiciary, created pursuant to Section 2  
6 of Article VII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution, is vested with sole  
7 and exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine causes concerning  
8 the removal of judges from office.

9        THAT jurisdiction of the Trial Division of the Court on the  
10 Judiciary may be invoked and proceedings commenced upon the filing  
11 of a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the State of  
12 Oklahoma.

13        THAT pursuant to Section 4 of Article VII-A of the Oklahoma  
14 Constitution, the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma  
15 petitions the Trial Division of the Court on the Judiciary to assume  
16 jurisdiction and institute proceedings to remove District Judge  
17 Tammy Bass-LeSure, Oklahoma County Judge of the Seventh Judicial  
18 District, from office for the commission while in office of crimes  
19 involving moral turpitude which, pursuant to Section 1 of Article  
20 VII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution, shall be cause for removal from  
21 such office.

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1        THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to each member of  
2 the Court on the Judiciary, the Clerk of the Oklahoma Supreme Court  
3 and the Administrative Director of the Courts.

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5 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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