

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Dorman

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution commending those who have demonstrated
9 efforts for charity and assistance; commending
10 efforts of Oklahomans assisting with Japanese
 recovery efforts; and directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, an 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck
14 the nation of Japan, followed by a deadly tsunami, rolling blackouts
15 and dangerous radiation levels initiated due to stricken nuclear
16 reactors; and

17 WHEREAS, Rotary District 5750 in Oklahoma has had an exchange
18 program with Rotary District 2520 in Japan for over thirty years,
19 where Oklahoma students stay in the homes of the Japanese people and
20 are treated to experiences and sights that the ordinary traveler
21 does not enjoy, and the favor is returned by Oklahomans hosting
22 Japanese students through this enriching cultural program; and

1 WHEREAS, approximately twelve Japanese students were scheduled
2 to arrive in Oklahoma City on March 16, 2011, through Wings, a
3 Rotary cultural exchange program, and approximately twelve Oklahoma
4 students were scheduled to visit Japan this summer; and

5 WHEREAS, the area encompassing Rotary District 2520 encompasses
6 the northern area of Japan, one of the hardest-hit regions and where
7 many of the students from the exchange program are still missing;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, many Oklahomans, including the Rotary Clubs of District
10 5750, are donating resources and funds to assist with aid and
11 recovery efforts to the citizens of Japan; and

12 WHEREAS, the Bricktown Rotary Club is hosting a celebrity
13 waiter/waitress event on March 21, 2011, at Rococo's Restaurant in
14 Oklahoma City, where the restaurant is donating a portion of the
15 proceeds for the evening to Rotarian efforts for Japanese
16 assistance, along with tips from celebrities and outright donations
17 to the effort.

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends those who
21 have demonstrated the same efforts for charity and assistance as
22 were shown to our state in the disasters of previous years.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the efforts
2 of Oklahomans who are assisting with Japanese recovery efforts and
3 who maintain the nation of Japan in thought and prayer.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Rotary District
5 5750 Governor Forrest "Butch" Freeman, Rotary District 5750 Wings
6 Chairman Randy L. Goodman, and Bricktown Rotary President Mark Mann.

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8 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
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