

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1021

By: Wesselhoft, Kern and
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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution recognizing and commending the Oklahoma
9 Family Policy Council for its commitment to Oklahoma
 families; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Family Policy Council (OFPC), a nonprofit
12 organization, will unfortunately after twenty-one years cease to
13 operate effective March 31, 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1989, the OFPC and its forerunner, the Resource
15 Institute of Oklahoma, have served Oklahoma families in numerous
16 ways, to ensure a healthy, "family friendly" culture in the Sooner
17 State and to defend Judeo-Christian values in the public square; and

18 WHEREAS, among the OFPC's better-known programs is KEEP (Kids
19 Eagerly Endorsing Purity), an abstinence-until-marriage education
20 program for students ages twelve through twenty. Since 1999,
21 volunteer teachers trained by OFPC have taught KEEP in some 250
22 public schools in Central Oklahoma and Tulsa County to over 60,000
23 Oklahoma young people; and

1 WHEREAS, citizens are familiar with the OFPC because of its
2 programs to strengthen families, fatherhood and marriage. The OFPC
3 has been the forerunner on an annual "Family Day" at the State
4 Capitol. The OFPC has partnered for many years with the National
5 Center for Fathering to present fatherhood seminars and has been
6 heavily involved in the marriage issue since 1997; and

7 WHEREAS, the OFPC has worked with its Marriage Network Oklahoma
8 partners to help Oklahoma's churches develop comprehensive marriage
9 ministries and with members of the State Legislature on policies to
10 prevent family fragmentation; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2003, the OFPC has also led the Oklahoma Pro-Life
12 Media Coalition, which has promoted pro-life projects to the public
13 and has held annual pro-life luncheons at the State Capitol; and

14 WHEREAS, the work of the OFPC in the past two decades has been
15 of much benefit to the citizens of Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, since inception, the OFPC has been led by three
17 Executive Directors and by a group of men and women, who have served
18 faithfully as volunteers on OFPC's governing Board of Directors.
19 OFPC's Executive Directors have included Terry Allean, Bill Held and
20 Mike Jestes; and

21 WHEREAS, current and past Board members include Lloyd and Karla
22 McAlister, Alan and Michelle Mauldin, Steve and Teri Prentice,
23 Cynthia Prentice, Dr. Ross and Mary Rumph, Dr. Craig and Kayla

1 Evans, Glenn and Dana Haueter, Robin Jones, Col. Lloyd and Susan
2 Smith, Bill and Amy Wolfe, Mike and Donna Jestes, Emoly West, Barry
3 C. and Janis Blades, Scott and Debra Duncan, Elliott Fenton, Paul
4 and Nancy Goodman, Beth Hammons, Bob and Connie Hudspeth, Warren and
5 JoAnn Kridler, Dennis and Ruth Ann Napier, Mike and Donna Thralls,
6 and A.B. and Lora Stewart; and

7 WHEREAS, the OFPC's commitment to the family and to the time-
8 tested, conservative, Christian values it has stood for during the
9 past twenty-one years does not end; and

10 WHEREAS, it is recognized that the OFPC's accomplishments
11 throughout the years are too numerous to list in this resolution.

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

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes and
15 commends the Oklahoma Family Policy Council for its commitment to
16 Oklahoma families during the past twenty-one years.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of
18 the Board of Directors and to each employee of the Oklahoma Family
19 Policy Council.

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21 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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