

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1035

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing the value of National Board
10 certified teachers; expressing intent that
11 scholarships and bonuses for new applicants be funded
12 as soon as budget restraints allow; and directing
13 distribution.

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15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and the
16 State Board of Education have established the Education Leadership
17 Oklahoma program; and

18 WHEREAS, the purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma
19 program are to provide teachers information about National Board
20 certification, to provide scholarships for teachers seeking National
21 Board certification, and to provide a \$5,000 bonus to teachers who
22 achieve National Board certification; and

1 WHEREAS, the National Board certification program advances the
2 quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous
3 standards for accomplished teachers; and

4 WHEREAS, approximately 2,800 teachers in the State of Oklahoma
5 have achieved National Board certification; and

6 WHEREAS, the children of the State of Oklahoma greatly benefit
7 from the expertise of National Board certified teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, during the 2nd Session of the Fifty-second Oklahoma
9 Legislature, it was necessary due to budget restraints to place a
10 two-year moratorium on the funding of scholarships and bonuses for
11 new applicants seeking National Board certification; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition of the great value of having National
13 Board certified teachers employed in the state, the Oklahoma House
14 of Representatives intends to fund the Education Leadership Oklahoma
15 program in order to provide scholarships and bonuses for new
16 applicants seeking National Board certification as soon as budget
17 restraints allow.

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 recognizes the value
21 of having National Board certified teachers employed in the state.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives intends to fund
2 scholarships and bonuses for new applicants seeking National Board
3 certification as soon as budget restraints allow.

4 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Ted
5 Gillespie, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
6 Preparation.

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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.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.