

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1037

By: Morgan

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution recognizing AT&T for their efforts in  
9 promoting responsible driving habits; and directing  
10 distribution.

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13           WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
14 ("NHTSA") calculates that motor vehicle collisions cost Americans  
15 approximately two hundred thirty billion dollars annually in  
16 economic damages; and

17           WHEREAS, the NHTSA and the Virginia Tech Transportation  
18 Institute ("VTTI") estimate that nearly eighty percent of collisions  
19 and sixty-five percent of near-crashes involve some sort of driver  
20 inattention; and

21           WHEREAS, the VTTI found cell phones to be the most common cause  
22 of driver distraction; and

1       WHEREAS, the American Media Association called text messaging  
2 while driving "a public health risk", citing a study that found text  
3 messaging while driving causes a four-hundred-percent increase in  
4 time spent with eyes off of the road; and

5       WHEREAS, AT&T has been active in supporting outreach efforts  
6 across Oklahoma to curb teens from texting while driving; and

7       WHEREAS, AT&T has produced a documentary called "The Last Text"  
8 which shows the tragedy of texting and driving told by family and  
9 friends affected by this dangerous practice; and

10       WHEREAS, AT&T announced a four-year series of contributions  
11 totaling one million dollars to help educate the public and spread  
12 the word about the dangers of texting and driving.

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

15       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the  
16 efforts of AT&T in promoting responsible driving habits that target  
17 teenagers in this state which will hopefully save lives and make  
18 Oklahoma roads a safer place to travel.

19       THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Bryan  
20 L. Gonterman, President of AT&T Oklahoma, Jerry Bayliss, External  
21 Affairs Area Manager of AT&T Oklahoma, Chuck Mai, Vice President of  
22 Public and Government Affairs of AAA Oklahoma, Michael Thompson,  
23 Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Kevin

1 Behrens, Interim Director of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, and  
2 Mark Newman, Director of the Office of State and Federal Policy of  
3 the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

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