

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1045

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution welcoming and recognizing visiting
9 dignitaries from the Republic of Azerbaijan; and
10 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the largest country
13 connecting Europe and the Middle East, is located at the crossroads
14 of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, bounded by the Caspian Sea, and
15 the nations of Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Iran and Turkey; and

16 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan is a nation of ancient and historic cultural
17 heritage and is located at the heart of ancient civilizations that
18 have gazed upon the majesty of beautiful mountain ridges and
19 plentiful rivers and lakes; and

20 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan is a democratic, secular and constitutional
21 republic that is governed by the National Assembly, a unicameral
22 legislature known as Parliament, composed of 125 members, who are
23 elected for five-year terms; and

1 WHEREAS, Azerbaijan is a country that is among the most
2 progressive of the countries that comprise the former Soviet Union,
3 where support for secularism and tolerance is high; and

4 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives is honored on
5 February 29, 2012, by a visit from two dignitaries from the Nation
6 of Azerbaijan, namely, Chairwoman Sevinj Fataliyeva and Congressman
7 Asim Mollazade; and

8 WHEREAS, Chairwoman Sevinj Fataliyeva of the Azerbaijani
9 Parliament's Foreign and Interparliamentary Relations Committee is a
10 member of the Azerbaijan Parliament where she serves on several
11 committees. Chairwoman Sevinj Fataliyeva currently serves as a
12 delegate to the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, Congressman Asim Mollazade is a doctor and former
14 director of the Centre of Psychogenic, Neurological and
15 Psychosomatic Diseases in Baku, Azerbaijan. Congressman Asim
16 Mollazade cofounded the Democracy Development Foundation in 1994 as
17 well as the Euro-Atlantic Centre of Azerbaijan in 1998. Congressman
18 Asim Mollazade has been a member of the Azerbaijan Parliament since
19 2000 and currently serves as a delegate to the Council of Europe's
20 Parliamentary Assembly; and

21 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
22 welcome and recognize distinguished legislative counterparts and
23 dignitaries from other democratic countries.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby welcomes and
4 recognizes these visiting legislators and dignitaries from the
5 Republic of Azerbaijan and extends best wishes for their continued
6 success in leading the people of the Nation of Azerbaijan.

7 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to each
8 of the visiting legislators and dignitaries from the Republic of
9 Azerbaijan and to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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