

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1047

By: Kern

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act proclaiming April 2012 as National Poetry
9 Month; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of
12 April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the
14 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets;
15 introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry;
16 bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative
17 ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

18 WHEREAS, as National Poetry Month, under the leadership and
19 direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest
20 literary celebration in the world; and

21 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all
22 Americans; and

1 WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and
2 humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including
3 education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

4 WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading
5 creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as
6 music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts.

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

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, in observance of
10 the important role poetry has played in creating and sustaining this
11 great nation, does hereby recognize April 2012 as National Poetry
12 Month.

13 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Rob
14 Burgess, President of the Poetry Society of Oklahoma and Stacy
15 Lasner, Policy and Outreach Coordinator of the Academy of American
16 Poets.

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18 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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