

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1049

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution disapproving wasteful federal spending
10 on wild horses and burros; urging Congress to end the
11 program; and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, on December 15, 1971, the federal Wild Free-Roaming
15 Horses and Burros Act of 1971 was signed into law in order to
16 protect and manage the wild horse and burro population found on
17 public land; and

18 WHEREAS, the wild horse and burro program has resulted in more
19 than 40,000 horses and burros currently being kept in holding
20 facilities and the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, has
21 called the program "not sustainable for the animals, the
22 environment, or the taxpayer"; and

1 WHEREAS, in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget of the United States
2 Government, President Obama requested Seventy Five Million Dollars
3 (\$75,000,000.00) to fund the wild horse and burro program, which is
4 a nearly fifteen percent (15%) increase in spending from the
5 previous year; and

6 WHEREAS, more than Seven Hundred Forty-four Million Dollars
7 (\$744,000,000.00) have been spent on the wild horse and burro
8 program since its inception; and

9 WHEREAS, the expenditures on the wild horse and burro program
10 are excessive and wasteful when the country is facing an
11 unprecedented federal deficit; and

12 WHEREAS, the millions of dollars allocated for the wild horse
13 and burro program could be better spent on important programs to aid
14 children and the elderly, some of our country's most vulnerable
15 citizens.

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

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives disapproves of the
19 wasteful spending for the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of
20 1971.

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges Congress to
22 adopt laws which would put an end to this unnecessary program.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to President
2 Barack Obama, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and each member
3 of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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