

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1017

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending those who have demonstrated
8 efforts for charity and assistance; commending
9 efforts of Oklahomans assisting with Japanese
recovery efforts; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, an 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck
13 the nation of Japan, followed by a deadly tsunami, rolling blackouts
14 and dangerous radiation levels initiated due to stricken nuclear
15 reactors; and

16 WHEREAS, Rotary District 5750 in Oklahoma has had an exchange
17 program with Rotary District 2520 in Japan for over thirty years,
18 where Oklahoma students stay in the homes of the Japanese people and
19 are treated to experiences and sights that the ordinary traveler
20 does not enjoy, and the favor is returned by Oklahomans hosting
21 Japanese students through this enriching cultural program; and

22 WHEREAS, approximately twelve Japanese students were scheduled
23 to arrive in Oklahoma City on March 16, 2011, through Wings, a
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1 Rotary cultural exchange program, and approximately twelve Oklahoma
2 students were scheduled to visit Japan this summer; and

3 WHEREAS, the area encompassing Rotary District 2520 encompasses
4 the northern area of Japan, one of the hardest-hit regions and where
5 many of the students from the exchange program are still missing;
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7 WHEREAS, many Oklahomans, including the Rotary Clubs of District
8 5750, are donating resources and funds to assist with aid and
9 recovery efforts to the citizens of Japan; and

10 WHEREAS, the Bricktown Rotary Club is hosting a celebrity
11 waiter/waitress event on March 21, 2011, at Rococo's Restaurant in
12 Oklahoma City, where the restaurant is donating a portion of the
13 proceeds for the evening to Rotarian efforts for Japanese
14 assistance, along with tips from celebrities and outright donations
15 to the effort.

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

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends those who
19 have demonstrated the same efforts for charity and assistance as
20 were shown to our state in the disasters of previous years.

21 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the efforts
22 of Oklahomans who are assisting with Japanese recovery efforts and
23 who maintain the nation of Japan in thought and prayer.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Rotary District
2 5750 Governor Forrest "Butch" Freeman, Rotary District 5750 Wings
3 Chairman Randy L. Goodman, and Bricktown Rotary President Mark Mann.

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