

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1022

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution supporting the Resource Conservation and  
8 Development Program in Oklahoma.

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Resource  
12 Conservation & Development (RC&D) Program and authorized nine RC&D  
13 districts within the State of Oklahoma and charged them with  
14 developing programs to enhance the standard of living for the  
15 citizens of Oklahoma through locally elected nonprofit volunteer  
16 organizations, and, further, provided support for these local RC&D  
17 Councils through small amounts of financial assistance and loaned  
18 United States Department of Agriculture executives to provide  
19 technical assistance; and

20 WHEREAS, the nine Oklahoma RC&D Councils, have become actively  
21 engaged in community and resource development, and have become an  
22 essential component in Oklahoma's overall economic development  
23 effort, not requiring state funding and, despite program cuts, have  
24 leveraged their federal appropriation for Oklahoma citizens by

1 adding almost Thirteen Dollars to the state's economy for every One  
2 Dollar of federal assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, during the past year alone, the RC&D Councils in  
4 Oklahoma accomplished the following:

5 New businesses developed: 27,

6 Business retained or expanded: 305,

7 Direct monetary support for businesses: 3.168 Million Dollars,

8 Value added products assisted to market: 65,

9 Agritourism venues opened or expanded: 125,

10 On-farm jobs created or retained: 188,

11 Off-farm jobs created or retained: 207,

12 Acres conserved for recreation: 17,193,

13 Tourism, historic, cultural, or museum sites enhanced: 88,

14 Rural fire and disaster or emergency preparedness projects: 18,

15 Community health care improvements: 42,

16 Wastewater systems improved or repaired: 15,

17 Tribal nations working as project partners: 26, and

18 Dollars leveraged for project completions: 14.162 Million

19 Dollars, plus a much larger impact that has not been determined; and

20 WHEREAS, nationally, in 2010, 375 RC&D Councils created over

21 35,000 new jobs, retained 15,000 jobs, and assisted 6,700

22 businesses; and

23 WHEREAS, federal funding for the RC&D is now endangered because  
24 of proposed funding cuts.

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

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports the RC&D program in  
4 Oklahoma and requests that the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation  
5 support continuing funding for the Resource Conservation and  
6 Development Program.

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