

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1035

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution recognizing the value of National Board
9 certified teachers; expressing intent that
10 scholarships and bonuses for new applicants be funded
11 as soon as budget restraints allow; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and the
14 State Board of Education have established the Education Leadership
15 Oklahoma program; and

16 WHEREAS, the purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma
17 program are to provide teachers information about National Board
18 certification, to provide scholarships for teachers seeking National
19 Board certification, and to provide a \$5,000 bonus to teachers who
20 achieve National Board certification; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Board certification program advances the
22 quality of teaching and learning by maintaining high and rigorous
23 standards for accomplished teachers; and
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1 WHEREAS, approximately 2,800 teachers in the State of Oklahoma
2 have achieved National Board certification; and

3 WHEREAS, the children of the State of Oklahoma greatly benefit
4 from the expertise of National Board certified teachers; and

5 WHEREAS, during the 2nd Session of the Fifty-second Oklahoma
6 Legislature, it was necessary due to budget restraints to place a
7 two-year moratorium on the funding of scholarships and bonuses for
8 new applicants seeking National Board certification; and

9 WHEREAS, in recognition of the great value of having National
10 Board certified teachers employed in the state, the Oklahoma House
11 of Representatives intends to fund the Education Leadership Oklahoma
12 program in order to provide scholarships and bonuses for new
13 applicants seeking National Board certification as soon as budget
14 restraints allow.

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

17 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the value
18 of having National Board certified teachers employed in the state.

19 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives intends to fund
20 scholarships and bonuses for new applicants seeking National Board
21 certification as soon as budget restraints allow.

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1 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Ted
2 Gillespie, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
3 Preparation.

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