

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1037

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing AT&T for their efforts in
8 promoting responsible driving habits; and directing
9 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
13 ("NHTSA") calculates that motor vehicle collisions cost Americans
14 approximately two hundred thirty billion dollars annually in
15 economic damages; and

16 WHEREAS, the NHTSA and the Virginia Tech Transportation
17 Institute ("VTTI") estimate that nearly eighty percent of collisions
18 and sixty-five percent of near-crashes involve some sort of driver
19 inattention; and

20 WHEREAS, the VTTI found cell phones to be the most common cause
21 of driver distraction; and

22 WHEREAS, the American Media Association called text messaging
23 while driving "a public health risk", citing a study that found text
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1 messaging while driving causes a four-hundred-percent increase in
2 time spent with eyes off of the road; and

3 WHEREAS, AT&T has been active in supporting outreach efforts
4 across Oklahoma to curb teens from texting while driving; and

5 WHEREAS, AT&T has produced a documentary called "The Last Text"
6 which shows the tragedy of texting and driving told by family and
7 friends affected by this dangerous practice; and

8 WHEREAS, AT&T announced a four-year series of contributions
9 totaling one million dollars to help educate the public and spread
10 the word about the dangers of texting and driving.

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

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
14 efforts of AT&T in promoting responsible driving habits that target
15 teenagers in this state which will hopefully save lives and make
16 Oklahoma roads a safer place to travel.

17 THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to Bryan
18 L. Gonterman, President of AT&T Oklahoma, Jerry Bayliss, External
19 Affairs Area Manager of AT&T Oklahoma, Chuck Mai, Vice President of
20 Public and Government Affairs of AAA Oklahoma, Michael Thompson,
21 Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Kevin
22 Behrens, Interim Director of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, and

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1 Mark Newman, Director of the Office of State and Federal Policy of
2 the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

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