

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1022

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of The
10 Red Dirt Rangers; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, the origin of the band The Red Dirt Rangers is "the
13 farm" in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1988; and

14 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers' original music performances and
15 recordings were integral in creating a new American music genre
16 called "Red Dirt Music", a blend of country, rock and roll, blues
17 and bluegrass; and

18 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers regularly perform benefit concerts
19 and tributes to Oklahoma musicians, providing a significant
20 contribution to the quality of life for the people of Oklahoma.
21 Performances integrate original music with the music of historical
22 Oklahoma songwriters, keeping Oklahoma's musical history relevant in
23 today's culture; and

1 WHEREAS, although The Red Dirt Rangers have toured the United
2 States and Europe, performing as musical ambassadors of the state,
3 Oklahoma is their permanent home; and

4 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers have released six CDs. As
5 songwriters, The Red Dirt Rangers' original music describes the
6 natural beauty, the culture and the rugged nature of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers have performed an annual
8 children's concert in Oklahoma City since 1993, for 20 years; and

9 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers have served as mentors and
10 teachers to young musicians. For 17 years they have hosted an
11 Annual Christmas Concert at Cain's Ballroom in Tulsa, inviting
12 emerging young artists to perform; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2008 The Red Dirt Rangers have performed as
14 actors as well as musicians in the one-act play "Time Changes
15 Everything" written by John Wooley and Thomas Conner; and

16 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers are on the Oklahoma Arts Council
17 Performing Artist Roster. They have performed in venues throughout
18 the state to audiences of all ages; and

19 WHEREAS, Rangers Brad Piccolo and John Cooper have hosted the
20 "Red Dirt Radio Hour" since 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, The Red Dirt Rangers were integral in organizing the
22 nonprofit 501(c)(3) Red Dirt Relief Fund to assist professional "Red
23 Dirt" musicians with medical emergencies; and

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1 WHEREAS, 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of The Red Dirt
2 Rangers, independent recording artists John Cooper, Brad Piccolo and
3 Ben Han.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the 25th
7 anniversary of Oklahoma's outstanding band, The Red Dirt Rangers.

8 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Red Dirt
9 Rangers Brad Piccolo, John Cooper and Ben Han.

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11 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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