STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1016 By: Nelson

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A Concurrent Resolution directing the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Oklahoma Historical Society to work with certain entities to develop a cultural heritage support strategy; stating appreciation and support of cultural heritage entities in the state; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma archives, libraries and museums have a long history of supporting and preserving the unique heritage and culture of the state dating back to prestatehood; and

WHEREAS, the more than 800 archives, libraries and museums in the state are the designated stewards of the culture of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, archives, libraries and museums contribute to the quality of life in every legislative district in the state; and

WHEREAS, the archives, libraries and museums in Oklahoma are highly valued institutions that attract more than 8,000,000 visits each year, support over 4,000 employees and utilize over 12,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the archives, libraries and museums in Oklahoma provide important economic benefits to each city, county and the state; and

WHEREAS, the archives, libraries and museums in Oklahoma enhance the reputation of the state worldwide and their continued presence is integral to cultural tourism programs; and

WHEREAS, the archives, libraries and museums in Oklahoma provide affordable educational experiences for learners of all ages; and

WHEREAS, an engaged and informed citizenry is the foundation of our great state; and

WHEREAS, all Oklahomans benefit from the archives, libraries and museums in the state; and

WHEREAS, the archives, libraries and museums in Oklahoma need a dependable source of revenue in order to continue their efforts to preserve the heritage and culture of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby directs the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Oklahoma Historical Society to work with the Oklahoma Museums Association and the Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust to develop a strategy to increase public and private support for the archives, libraries and museums in the state and to bring those recommendations forward for further consideration.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby expresses appreciation and support for the archives, libraries, museums and other cultural institutions in our state and applauds their efforts to preserve and advance the rich history and culture of the state.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, the Directors of the Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Museums Association.

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