STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1022 By: Denney

AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, the origin of the band The Red Dirt Rangers is “the farm” in Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1988; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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