

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1052

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act proclaiming April 2014 as National Poetry  
8 Month; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of  
12 April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the  
14 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets;  
15 introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry;  
16 bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative  
17 ways; make poetry an important part of our children's education; and

18 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and  
19 direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest  
20 literary celebration in the world; and

21 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all  
22 Americans; and

1           WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and  
2 humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including  
3 education, the economy, and community pride and development; and

4           WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading  
5 creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as  
6 music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts.

7           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9           THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, in observance of  
10 the important role poetry has played in creating and sustaining this  
11 great nation, does hereby recognize April 2014 as National Poetry  
12 Month.

13           THAT an official copy of this resolution be distributed to  
14 Eddie and Joan Wilcoxon, Co-Presidents of the Poetry Society of  
15 Oklahoma.

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