

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1012

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act proclaiming April 2015 as National Poetry
9 Month; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all
23 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 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH 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 2015 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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17 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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