

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1015

 By: Ford (Roger) and Watson of
 the House

6 and

7 Standridge of the Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Concurrent Resolution commemorating the sixtieth
12 anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense
13 Command and the partnership between the State of
 Oklahoma and Canada and between the United States and
 Canada; and directing distribution.

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16 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share not only a secure
17 5,522-mile border, the world's longest, but also a vibrant history
18 of democratic governance, military and economic partnerships, and
19 cultural ties; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States' defense partnership with Canada is a
21 natural complement to the extensive geographic, political, economic,
22 cultural, and social ties that link our two countries and critical
23 for the security and wellbeing of both; and

1 WHEREAS, defense and security relations between our two
2 countries are long-standing, well-entrenched, and highly successful,
3 underpinned by our integrated American and Canadian forces at North
4 American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which defends the
5 North American continent; and

6 WHEREAS, NORAD is a unique and indispensable expression of one
7 of the most extensive defense relationships in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, for sixty years, members of the Canadian armed forces
9 have served in Colorado Springs as partners in NORAD; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1979, Canadian Armed Forces personnel have been
11 stationed at Oklahoma's own Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City
12 in support of NORAD; and

13 WHEREAS, the continued service with valor and honor of American
14 and Canadian men and women serving at the North American Aerospace
15 Defense Command is central to North America's ability to confront
16 and successfully defeat threats of the 21st century; and

17 WHEREAS, the continuation of the longstanding and successful
18 relationship between the United States and Canada through the North
19 American Aerospace Defense Command is paramount to the future
20 security of the people of the United States and Canada; and

21 WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have the largest and most
22 comprehensive trade relationship in the world, totaling nearly \$635
23 billion in goods and services crossing our shared border each year,
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1 with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) providing the
2 framework for much of this bilateral trade; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma contributes significantly to this
4 relationship, with bilateral trade totaling \$1.4 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, Canada is the largest foreign trade partner for the
6 United States and the top export destination for 32 states,
7 including Oklahoma; and

8 WHEREAS, nearly 9 million American jobs are dependent on trade
9 with Canada, including over 50,700 jobs in Oklahoma.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the Legislature commemorates NORAD's 60th anniversary and
14 recognizes the contributions made by our American and Canadian
15 service men and women to jointly secure North America and promote
16 international peace and security.

17 THAT the Legislature recognizes the importance of Canada-
18 Oklahoma trade economic and trade relationship.

19 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to President Donald J.
20 Trump; the Right Honorable Justin P.J Trudeau, Prime Minister of
21 Canada; Governor John W. Hickenlooper; James N. Mattis, Secretary of
22 Defense; the Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State; the
23 Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the
24 Honorable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of National Defense; Kelly

1 Knight Craft, United States Ambassador to Canada; David
2 MacNaughton, Canada's Ambassador to the United States; General Lori
3 J. Robinson, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and
4 United States Northern Command; Lieutenant-General Pierre St-Amand,
5 Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Command; Stéphane
6 Lessard, Canada's Consul General to Colorado; and Colorado's
7 Congressional delegation.

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9 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.