

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1001

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution proclaiming April 26, 2017,
10 as Honor Denim Day; and recognizing the importance of
11 promoting awareness about sexual violence.

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13 WHEREAS, for the past 17 years, the Honor Denim Day campaign has
14 been held in April in support of Sexual Violence Awareness Month;
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16 WHEREAS, the campaign began in response to a ruling by the
17 Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because
18 the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she
19 must have helped her rapist remove her jeans, thereby implying
20 consent; and

21 WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament
22 came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim; and

23 WHEREAS, Peace Over Violence, a nonprofit organization dedicated
24 to building healthy relationships, families and communities free

1 from sexual, domestic and interpersonal violence, developed the
2 Honor Denim Day campaign in response to the Italian Supreme Court
3 case and the activism surrounding it; and

4 WHEREAS, wearing jeans on Honor Denim Day has become a symbol of
5 protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual
6 assault.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates April 26, 2017, as
11 "Honor Denim Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the importance of
13 promoting awareness about the misconceptions of sexual violence,
14 educating the community about the importance of prevention and
15 facilitating dialogue on how to be a supportive ally to survivors of
16 sexual violence.

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