

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1015

By: Ford (Roger) and Watson of
the House

and

Standridge of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, defense and security relations between our two countries are long-standing, well-entrenched, and highly successful,

1 underpinned by our integrated American and Canadian forces at North
2 American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which defends the
3 North American continent; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 THAT the Legislature recognizes the importance of Canada-
16 Oklahoma trade economic and trade relationship.

17 THAT copies of this resolution be sent to President Donald J.
18 Trump; the Right Honorable Justin P.J Trudeau, Prime Minister of
19 Canada; Governor John W. Hickenlooper; James N. Mattis, Secretary of
20 Defense; the Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State; the
21 Honorable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the
22 Honorable Harjit Singh Sajjan, Minister of National Defense; Kelly
23 Knight Craft, United States Ambassador to Canada; David
24 MacNaughton, Canada's Ambassador to the United States; General Lori

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

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