

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1031

By: Ford

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution relating to unsolved crimes; creating
10 Unsolved Crimes Awareness Week.

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13 WHEREAS, The FBI Uniform Crime Report estimates that
14 investigators were able to close only 62% of murders and only 35% of
15 sexual assaults in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, 40% of homicides go unsolved; and

17 WHEREAS, Experts estimate that, based on Uniform Crime Report
18 data, our nation currently has 250,000 unsolved murders, a number
19 that increases by about 6,000 each year; and

20 WHEREAS, Unsolved cases mean mounting caseloads for law
21 enforcement, which drain resources and result in higher costs for
22 agencies with limited budgets; and

1 WHEREAS, victims and families and friends of victims of violent
2 crimes suffer great anguish that is increased by the fact that the
3 crimes remain unsolved; and

4 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the seriousness of this
5 problem and to be vigilant in doing all we can to solve these
6 crimes.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT March 15 through March 21, 2020, is hereby declared to be
10 Unsolved Crimes Awareness Week.

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12 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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