

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE

5 RESOLUTION 1036

By: Randleman

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution commending Oklahoma Licensed Child Care
9 Centers and Homes for their heroic actions during the
10 COVID-19 pandemic.

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12 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021 has caused
13 widespread sickness, health problems and death in Oklahoma and
14 caused an immense disruption in the financial and business sectors
15 of Oklahoma and its families; and

16 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes have
17 remained open during this time pursuant to the request of Governor
18 Stitt and despite the closing of many other places of education and
19 childcare; and

20 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Child Care Centers and Homes bore the brunt of
21 the financial burden caused by the costs of complying with both
22 state regulations and federal standards mandated by the Centers for
23 Disease Control and Prevention with only a brief reprieve for
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1 reimbursement during July, August and September of last year with
2 the infusion of some money from the federal CARES Act; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes continue
4 to abide by the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control
5 and Prevention and have had to shut down classrooms or an entire
6 center or home while using the industry-approved standards for daily
7 and weekly disinfecting even at a huge cost to the centers and
8 homes; and

9 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes
10 industry continued to care for children subsidized through the
11 Department of Human Services based on attendance and for children
12 through private pay based on enrollment, even though many have been
13 forced to close permanently because of financial deficits; and

14 WHEREAS, the surviving Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers and
15 Homes are resolved to continue to stay open and operational to help
16 the Oklahoma economy rebound by allowing the workforce to return to
17 their jobs, secure in the knowledge that their precious children are
18 being cared for by an educated, dedicated and competent cadre of
19 child care workers.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
21 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 THAT these workers and the Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers
23 and Homes are to be commended for their dedication, financial
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1 sacrifice and service to the State of Oklahoma during the past year
2 and continuing into 2021.

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