

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1045

By: Newton

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           A Resolution acknowledging the Oklahoma Youth Expo;  
10           congratulating all of the 4-H and FFA student  
11           participants of the 2022 Oklahoma Youth Expo.

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13           WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo's mission is to provide a venue  
14           and program to display the finest quality market and breeding  
15           livestock in the country that facilitates agricultural production  
16           projects, and to fund higher education opportunities for hundreds of  
17           youth pursuing studies in agriculture; and

18           WHEREAS, for nearly a century, the youth of the State of  
19           Oklahoma have come to Oklahoma City to compete in the Oklahoma Youth  
20           Expo; and

21           WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is open to all students from  
22           across the state enrolled in 4-H or FFA. The participation and  
23           economic impact of the local livestock shows touch all 77 counties,

1 making a substantial positive impact on the fabric of rural  
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, today, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is recognized as the  
4 world's largest youth event in the State of Oklahoma and serves as a  
5 positive influence in the lives of approximately 7,000 Oklahoma  
6 youth; and

7 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is also an agricultural  
8 scholarship and leadership training program for Oklahoma youth and  
9 serves as an extension of the classroom in a hands-on, real-world  
10 environment through the Junior Livestock Program in Oklahoma; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2002, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has provided \$2.1  
12 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 Oklahoma students. The  
13 scholarship program supports Oklahoma leaders' stated goal to  
14 produce more college graduates as part of building a stronger  
15 economy. Moreover, the scholarship program strives to address the  
16 need for more college graduates to work in the agriculture industry,  
17 one of the key economic drivers of Oklahoma's economy; and

18 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has several ancillary programs  
19 that provide leadership and learning for youth, such as the Oklahoma  
20 Agricultural Leadership Encounter that provides elite leadership  
21 opportunities for ten outstanding agriculture students at Oklahoma  
22 State University. In this program, students visit agriculture  
23 entities in every district of the state, tour the State Capitol,

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1 visit Washington, D.C., and take an international tour to see the  
2 agriculture industry in other countries; and

3 WHEREAS, the livestock show brings over 7,000 exhibitors along  
4 with their educators and families from all of Oklahoma's 77  
5 counties; and

6 WHEREAS, over the course of the ten-day event, the Oklahoma  
7 Youth Expo has an impact of Twenty-four Million Dollars  
8 (\$24,000,000.00) on Oklahoma City.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby acknowledges  
12 the Oklahoma Youth Expo for its contributions to our agricultural  
13 communities and the State of Oklahoma and for its positive impact on  
14 Oklahoma's youth and future leaders.

15 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates all of  
16 the 4-H and FFA student participants of the 2022 Oklahoma Youth  
17 Expo.

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