

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1067

By: Ford

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           A Resolution recognizing May 11 through May 17, 2022,  
10          as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2022,  
11          as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of  
12          Oklahoma.

13          WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 11 through  
14          May 17, 2022, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

15          WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, the United States Congress approved  
16          a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to  
17          designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in  
18          honor of law enforcement officers who have been killed, disabled, or  
19          otherwise injured in the line of duty and the calendar week during  
20          which May 15 occurs as "National Police Week"; and

21          WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 4, 1963, President John F.  
22          Kennedy designated May 15, 1963, and each succeeding May 15 as  
23          "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12 through May 18,  
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1 1963, and each succeeding calendar week during which May 15 occurs  
2 as "National Police Week"; and

3 WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and tribal police officers,  
4 sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers in the State of  
5 Oklahoma and across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and  
6 integrity; and

7 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing  
8 justice for all individuals and performing the duties of a law  
9 enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional rights of  
10 the public that the law enforcement officers serve; and

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses strong  
12 support for law enforcement officers in Oklahoma and across the  
13 United States in the efforts that those officers undertake to build  
14 safer and more secure communities; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the  
16 law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of  
17 sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;  
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19 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the  
20 public trust with their lives, if need be, even though, through the  
21 performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers  
22 may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

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1       WHEREAS, within the last year, five hundred thirteen law  
2 enforcement officers from across the United States have made the  
3 ultimate sacrifice; and

4       WHEREAS, eight Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the  
5 line of duty within the last year, all to COVID-19, including Police  
6 Officer Lewis Franklin Cantey, Grand River Dam Authority Police  
7 Department; Sergeant John Arthur Harris II, Tulsa County Sheriff's  
8 Office; Sergeant John Lee Trout Sr., Bernice Police Department;  
9 Patrol Officer Edgar "Buddy" Pales Jr., Owasso Police Department;  
10 Patrol Officer Howard Kritzer Smith III, Owasso Police Department;  
11 Police Officer Bart Lane Arnold, Enid Police Department; Chief of  
12 Police Richard Leslie Stephens, Union City Police Department; and  
13 Lieutenant Scott Brandon Owens, Union City Police Department; and

14       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the memory  
15 of the hundreds of law enforcement officers who have given their  
16 lives in the line of duty in this state and throughout the United  
17 States.

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

20       THAT May 11 through May 17, 2022, is hereby recognized by the  
21 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and  
22 recognizes May 15, 2022, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in  
23 Oklahoma.

1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses condolences  
2 to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the  
3 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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