

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1036

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 THAT these workers and the Oklahoma Licensed Child Care Centers
21 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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