

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1045

By: Newton

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is open to all students from  
21 across the state enrolled in 4-H or FFA. The participation and  
22 economic impact of the local livestock shows touch all 77 counties,  
23 making a substantial positive impact on the fabric of rural  
24 communities; and

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

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

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

16       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has several ancillary programs  
17 that provide leadership and learning for youth, such as the Oklahoma  
18 Agricultural Leadership Encounter that provides elite leadership  
19 opportunities for ten outstanding agriculture students at Oklahoma  
20 State University. In this program, students visit agriculture  
21 entities in every district of the state, tour the State Capitol,  
22 visit Washington, D.C., and take an international tour to see the  
23 agriculture industry in other countries; and

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

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

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

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

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

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