

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1053

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8 A Resolution supporting the "You Can Fly" High School
9 Curriculum developed by the Aircraft Owners and
10 Pilots Association.

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13 WHEREAS, the four-year "You Can Fly" High School Curriculum
14 developed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is
15 being adopted by independent school districts at a record pace
16 across the state; and

17 WHEREAS, over the last several years, the Oklahoma Aeronautics
18 Commission has led the way to advocate and implement this novel
19 curriculum to support Oklahoma's commitment to solve workforce
20 challenges and to ensure that the state's second-largest industry,
21 aviation and aerospace, will continue to be a major economic driver
22 for the state. Today, Oklahoma is ranked third in the nation for
23 implementing the AOPA Curriculum with nearly 30 schools teaching it
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1 and is on the heels of overtaking the lead this fall with the start
2 of the 2022-2023 school year; and

3 WHEREAS, in late 2021 the Commission, as part of a statewide
4 consortium, was awarded a Federal Aviation Administration Workforce
5 Development Grant to further support the implementation of the AOPA
6 program and to make Oklahoma's educators aware of the potential that
7 aviation and aerospace have in their classrooms. One of the
8 foundational aspects of receiving the FAA grant funding was the
9 ability to name five Oklahoma high schools as "Aviation High Schools
10 of Excellence"; and

11 WHEREAS, these five schools, Ada High School, McAlester High
12 School, Mustang High School, Okmulgee High School, and Pryor High
13 School were all early adopters of the AOPA program and are in year
14 three or beyond of implementing the curriculum. Because of their
15 expertise and willingness to share their knowledge they have been
16 designated to assist what is expected to be 50 Oklahoma high schools
17 in the implementation of the AOPA Curriculum for next school year
18 and will serve as hubs for aviation science, technology,
19 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities and teacher
20 professional development.

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

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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the "You Can
2 Fly" High School Curriculum and encourages adoption of the AOPA
3 Curriculum in more schools across the state.

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