

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 1018

By: Lepak of the House

and

Rosino of the Senate

10                               AS INTRODUCED

11           A Concurrent Resolution honoring His Holiness Pope  
12           Leo XIV, the first American Pope; recognizing his  
13           distinguished service, global leadership, and moral  
14           courage; and acknowledging his personal connection to  
15           the State of Oklahoma through his service at Cascia  
16           Hall in Tulsa.

16           WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost,  
17           O.S.A., was elected by the College of Cardinals to serve as the  
18           267th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, taking the name Leo XIV,  
19           and becoming the first American citizen in history to hold the  
20           papacy; and

21           WHEREAS, born and raised in the United States and ordained to  
22           the priesthood in 1982, Pope Leo XIV has spent his life in service  
23           to others, with assignments across the globe, from Peru to Rome to  
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1 the American Midwest — always emphasizing faith, service, and moral  
2 conviction; and

3 WHEREAS, from 1999 to 2001, Pope Leo XIV served on the Board of  
4 Directors of Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
5 contributing to the spiritual and academic life of a respected  
6 institution in our state and leaving a legacy of guidance and  
7 integrity that still resonates with those who served alongside him;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV's election is not only a historic  
10 milestone for the Catholic Church, but a moment of great pride for  
11 all Americans, regardless of faith — a testament to the enduring  
12 influence of American values, religious freedom, and leadership on  
13 the global stage; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his ministry, Pope Leo XIV has demonstrated  
15 a consistent commitment to the dignity of every human life, the  
16 importance of strong families, and a call to serve the least among  
17 us, values that resonate across faith traditions and reflect  
18 timeless truths shared by millions of Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, in a world marked by moral drift and cultural  
20 confusion, his election signals a voice of clarity, courage, and  
21 conviction in leadership, rooted not in political fashion, but in  
22 eternal principles.

1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
5 State Senate honor and commend His Holiness Pope Leo XIV as the  
6 first American Pope, recognizing his leadership, humility, and moral  
7 clarity, and acknowledging with gratitude his contribution to the  
8 State of Oklahoma during his years of service at Cascia Hall in  
9 Tulsa.

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See in Washington,  
12 D.C., and to Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa as a reminder  
13 of the profound connections that bind even global moments of history  
14 to the everyday communities of our great state.

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