

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1008

By: Hilbert, Adams, Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blair, Blancett, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Chapman, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Eaves, Fetgatter, Ford, Fugate, Gann, George, Gise, Grego, Hall, Hardin, Harris, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hildebrant, Hill, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kelley, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lay, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Lowe (Jason), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, May, Maynard, McCane, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Newton, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Pogemiller, Provenzano, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Shaw, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stewart, Stinson, Strom, Tedford, Townley, Turner, Vancuren, Waldron, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Wilk, Williams, Wolfley, Woolley and Worthen of the House

and

Paxton, Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Daniels,

Deevers, Dossett, Frix,
Gillespie, Gollihare,
Goodwin, Green, Grellner,
Guthrie, Hall, Hamilton,
Haste, Hicks, Hines,
Howard, Jech, Jett, Kern,
Kirt, Mann, McIntosh,
Murdock, Nice, Pederson,
Prieto, Pugh, Rader,
Reinhardt, Rosino,
Sacchieri, Seifried,
Standridge, Stanley,
Stewart, Thompson, Weaver,
Wingard and Woods of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution related to the severe wind event of the period beginning March 14, 2025; recognizing courage and dedication of paid and volunteer firefighters and firefighting personnel of Native American tribes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, during the period from the morning of Friday, March 14, 2025, continuing into the weekend, Oklahoma experienced extraordinarily high winds over most of the area of the state; and

WHEREAS, low humidity, high winds and pre-existing drought conditions created the risk for an outbreak of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of wildfires broke out beginning in western Oklahoma and continuing eastward, damaging or destroying pasture, crops, barns, buildings, homes, businesses, infrastructure and other assets; and

WHEREAS, at least four persons lost their lives as a result of the wildfires or the high winds or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of persons were injured as a result of the high winds or the wildfires or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, this type of event strains firefighting personnel and resources beyond all reasonable limits; and

WHEREAS, the paid and volunteer firefighters in both rural and incorporated areas, along with the firefighting personnel of many Native American tribes and many first responders used their training and expertise to combat the fires, to preserve property, to save lives, to treat injured persons and to provide all forms of assistance as required; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the brave people who engage in firefighting services and other first responders are always to be highly valued even without the kind of severe weather event that triggered the wildfire outbreak; and

WHEREAS, were it not for the combined efforts of the people engaged in firefighting services across the state, the loss of life and property and the damage to private property and public infrastructure would have been far worse; and

WHEREAS, the courage and highest standards of public service exhibited by the paid and volunteer firefighting personnel and the firefighting personnel of the Native American tribes and first responders from all areas of the state should be specially recognized.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate recognize the efforts of paid and volunteer firefighters, the firefighters of the several Native American tribes across the State of Oklahoma, and the first responders serving many governmental entities within the state.

THAT the courage and dedication of all persons engaged in fire prevention efforts, firefighting efforts and the provision of emergency medical services during the period of the severe weather high wind event should be acknowledged.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate wish to express gratitude and most sincere appreciation on behalf of all people of the State of Oklahoma for the professional services, courage, dedication and the spirit of public service demonstrated by both paid and volunteer firefighters, the firefighting personnel of several Native American tribes and all first responders during this critical period of time.

THAT prayers be offered in support of people who have lost their homes, their businesses, and their belongings.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association, the Oklahoma Fire Chiefs Association, the Professional Firefighters of Oklahoma and to the several Native American tribes the firefighting personnel of which were called into service during the severe weather high wind event.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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By: _____