1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)
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5	RESOLUTION 1013 By: West (Tammy)
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8	<u>AS INTRODUCED</u>
9	A Resolution proclaiming April as National Poetry
10	Month; and encouraging the observation and celebration of National Poetry Month.
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13	WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of
14	April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and
15	WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the
16	extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
17	introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry,
18	bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative
19	ways, and make poetry an important part of our children's education;
20	and
21	WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and
22	direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest
23	literary celebration in the world; and
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WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all
Americans; and

WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and 3 4 humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today, including 5 education, the economy, and community pride and development; and 6 WHEREAS, poetry has produced some of the nation's leading 7 creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such as 8 music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts. 9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE: 11 THAT April 1 through April 30, 2025, is hereby proclaimed to be 12 National Poetry Month in Oklahoma. 13 THAT public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people 14 of Oklahoma are encouraged to observe this month, to celebrate the 15 cultural riches our state has to offer and to recognize the 16 important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great 17 nation with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs. 18 19 DIRECT TO CALENDAR. 20 21 22

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