Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1021

By: Wesselhoft, Kern, McCullough, Ritze, Mulready, Farley, Banz, Nollan, Peterson, Roberts (Sean), Grau, Walker, Tibbs, Casey, Sullivan, Inman, Hoskin, Sherrer and Reynolds

A Resolution recognizing and commending the Oklahoma Family Policy Council for its commitment to Oklahoma families; and directing distribution

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Family Policy Council (OFPC), a nonprofit organization, will unfortunately after twenty-one years cease to operate effective March 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, the OFPC and its forerunner, the Resource Institute of Oklahoma, have served Oklahoma families in numerous ways, to ensure a healthy, "family friendly" culture in the Sooner State and to defend Judeo-Christian values in the public square; and

WHEREAS, among the OFPC's better-known programs is KEEP (Kids Eagerly Endorsing Purity), an abstinence-until-marriage education program for students ages twelve through twenty. Since 1999, volunteer teachers trained by OFPC have taught KEEP in some 250 public schools in Central Oklahoma and Tulsa County to over 60,000 Oklahoma young people; and

WHEREAS, citizens are familiar with the OFPC because of its programs to strengthen families, fatherhood and marriage. The OFPC has been the forerunner on an annual "Family Day" at the State Capitol. The OFPC has partnered for many years with the National Center for Fathering to present fatherhood seminars and has been heavily involved in the marriage issue since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the OFPC has worked with its Marriage Network Oklahoma partners to help Oklahoma's churches develop comprehensive marriage

ministries and with members of the State Legislature on policies to prevent family fragmentation; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the OFPC has also led the Oklahoma Pro-Life Media Coalition, which has promoted pro-life projects to the public and has held annual pro-life luncheons at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the work of the OFPC in the past two decades has been of much benefit to the citizens of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, since inception, the OFPC has been led by three Executive Directors and by a group of men and women, who have served faithfully as volunteers on OFPC's governing Board of Directors. OFPC's Executive Directors have included Terry Allean, Bill Held and Mike Jestes; and

WHEREAS, current and past Board members include Lloyd and Karla McAlister, Alan and Michelle Mauldin, Steve and Teri Prentice, Cynthia Prentice, Dr. Ross and Mary Rumph, Dr. Craig and Kayla Evans, Glenn and Dana Haueter, Robin Jones, Col. Lloyd and Susan Smith, Bill and Amy Wolfe, Mike and Donna Jestes, Emoly West, Barry C. and Janis Blades, Scott and Debra Duncan, Elliott Fenton, Paul and Nancy Goodman, Beth Hammons, Bob and Connie Hudspeth, Warren and JoAnn Kridler, Dennis and Ruth Ann Napier, Mike and Donna Thralls, and A.B. and Lora Stewart; and

WHEREAS, the OFPC's commitment to the family and to the time-tested, conservative, Christian values it has stood for during the past twenty-one years does not end; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the OFPC's accomplishments throughout the years are too numerous to list in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes and commends the Oklahoma Family Policy Council for its commitment to Oklahoma families during the past twenty-one years.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Board of Directors and to each employee of the Oklahoma Family Policy Council.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 31st day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 4th **day of** April, 20 11, **at** 1:59 **o'clock** P **M.**

By: Michelle R Day