Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1003

By: Newton, Alonso-Sandoval, Archer, Baker, Banning, Bashore, Bennett, Blancett, Boatman, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (Chad), Caldwell (Trey), Cantrell, Conley, Cornwell, Crosswhite Hader, Culver, Davis, Deck, Dempsey, Dobrinski, Dollens, Duel, Echols, Fetgatter, Ford, Fugate, Gann, George, Goodwin, Grego, Hardin, Hasenbeck, Hays, Hefner, Hilbert, Hill, Humphrey, Johns, Kane, Kannady, Kendrix, Kerbs, Lawson, Lepak, Lowe (Dick), Lowe (Jason), Luttrell, Manger, Marti, Martinez, May, Maynard, McBride, McCall, McDugle, McEntire, Menz, Miller, Moore, Munson, Nichols, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae, Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman, Ranson, Roberts, Roe, Rosecrants, Schreiber, Sims, Smith, Sneed, Staires, Stark, Steagall, Sterling, Stinson, Strom, Swope, Talley, Tedford, Townley, Turner, Vancuren, Waldron, Wallace, West (Josh), West (Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy), Williams, Wolfley and Worthen

A Resolution acknowledging the Oklahoma Youth Expo; congratulating all of the 4-H and FFA student participants of the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Expo.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo's mission is to provide a venue and program to display the finest quality market and breeding livestock in the country that facilitates agricultural production

projects, and to fund higher education opportunities for hundreds of youth pursuing studies in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, for nearly a century, the youth of the State of Oklahoma have come to Oklahoma City to compete in the Oklahoma Youth Expo; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is open to all students from across the state enrolled in 4-H or FFA. The participation and economic impact of the local livestock show touches all 77 counties, making a substantial positive impact on the fabric of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, today, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is recognized as the world's largest youth event and is held in the State of Oklahoma and serves as a positive influence in the lives of approximately 7,000 Oklahoma youth; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo is also an agricultural scholarship and leadership training program for Oklahoma youth and serves as an extension of the classroom in a hands-on, real-world environment through the Junior Livestock Program in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has provided $2.1 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 Oklahoma students. The scholarship program supports Oklahoma leaders' stated goal to produce more college graduates as part of building a stronger economy. Moreover, the scholarship program strives to address the need for more college graduates to work in the agriculture industry, one of the key economic drivers of Oklahoma's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has several ancillary programs that provide leadership and learning for youth, such as the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Encounter that provides elite leadership opportunities for ten outstanding agriculture students at Oklahoma State University. In this program, students visit agriculture entities in every district of the state, tour the State Capitol, visit Washington, D.C., and take an international tour to see the agriculture industry in other countries; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the ten-day event, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has an impact of Twenty-four Million Dollars ($24,000,000.00) on Oklahoma City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby acknowledges the Oklahoma Youth Expo for its contributions to our agricultural communities and the State of Oklahoma and for its positive impact on Oklahoma's youth and future leaders.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates all of the 4-H and FFA student participants of the 2023 Oklahoma Youth Expo.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 20th day of March, 20 23, at 11:55 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman