

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1003

By: Newton

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo's mission is to provide a venue
13 and program to display the finest quality market and breeding
14 livestock in the country that facilitates agricultural production
15 projects, and to fund higher education opportunities for hundreds of
16 youth pursuing studies in agriculture; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, over the course of the ten-day event, the Oklahoma
2 Youth Expo has an impact of Twenty-four Million Dollars
3 (\$24,000,000.00) on Oklahoma City.

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

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

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

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