

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1003

By: Newton

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Youth Expo has several ancillary programs
19 that provide leadership and learning for youth, such as the Oklahoma
20 Agricultural Leadership Encounter that provides elite leadership
21 opportunities for ten outstanding agriculture students at Oklahoma
22 State University. In this program, students visit agriculture
23 entities in every district of the state, tour the State Capitol,

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1 visit Washington, D.C., and take an international tour to see the
2 agriculture industry in other countries; and

3 WHEREAS, over the course of the ten-day event, the Oklahoma
4 Youth Expo has an impact of Twenty-four Million Dollars
5 (\$24,000,000.00) on Oklahoma City.

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

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

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

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