HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1036   By: West (Tammy)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution declaring April 1 through 30, 2018, to
be National Poetry Month; and encouraging the
observance of National Poetry Month with appropriate
ceremonies, activities and programs.

WHEREAS, the Academy of American Poets established the month of

April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the

extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,

introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry,

bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative

ways and make poetry an important part of our children's education;

and

WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and

direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest

literary celebration in the world; and

1   WHEREAS, poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all

2 Americans; and

3   WHEREAS, poetry, as an essential part of the arts and

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 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11   THAT April 1 through April 30, 2018, is hereby declared to be

12 National Poetry Month.

13   THAT public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people

14 of Oklahoma observe National Poetry Month, celebrate the cultural

15 richness of this state expressed in poetry, and recognize the

16 important role of poetry in creating and sustaining this great

17 nation and state with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and

18 programs.

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