

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1050

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing May 12 through May 18, 2024,
10 as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2024,
11 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
12 Oklahoma.

13 WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 12 through
14 May 18, 2024, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

15 WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, the United States Congress approved
16 a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to
17 designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
18 honor of law enforcement officers who have been killed, disabled, or
19 otherwise injured in the line of duty and the calendar week during
20 which May 15 occurs as "National Police Week"; and

21 WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 4, 1963, President John F.
22 Kennedy designated May 15, 1963, and each succeeding May 15 as
23 "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12 through May 18,
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1 1963, and each succeeding calendar week during which May 15 occurs
2 as "National Police Week"; and

3 WHEREAS, federal, state, local, and tribal police officers,
4 sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers in the State of
5 Oklahoma and across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and
6 integrity; and

7 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing
8 justice for all individuals and performing the duties of a law
9 enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional rights of
10 the public that the law enforcement officers serve; and

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses strong
12 support for law enforcement officers in Oklahoma and across the
13 United States in the efforts that those officers undertake to build
14 safer and more secure communities; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
16 law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of
17 sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;
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19 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the
20 public trust with their lives, if need be, even though, through the
21 performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers
22 may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

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1 WHEREAS, within the last year, one hundred and thirty-six law
2 enforcement officers from across the United States have made the
3 ultimate sacrifice; and

4 WHEREAS, one Oklahoma law enforcement officer died in the line
5 of duty within the last year, Captain John Robert Randolph III, of
6 the Ringling Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the memory
8 of the hundreds of law enforcement officers who have given their
9 lives in the line of duty in this state and throughout the United
10 States.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT May 12 through May 18, 2024, is hereby recognized by the
14 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
15 recognizes May 15, 2024, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
16 Oklahoma.

17 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses condolences
18 to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the
19 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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