1 ENGROSSED SENATE
   CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 31   By: Standridge of the Senate

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4   Nelson of the House of the
                                           Senate

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7   A Concurrent Resolution supporting the Opportunity
         Grant program; requesting the United States Congress
8   to enact certain proposals; and directing
         distribution.

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11   WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives Committee on

12 the Budget released a report entitled "Expanding Opportunity in

13 America" in June 2014; and

14   WHEREAS, the report proposed the use of Opportunity Grants to

15 streamline government functions and reconfigure the delivery of

16 public assistance in the United States; and

17   WHEREAS, the proposal would permit states to consolidate various

18 forms of public assistance into a single payment to recipients,

19 providing flexibility to recipients and social service providers;

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21   WHEREAS, the proposal would permit states to use state-based

22 best practices to reform their social services networks; and

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1   WHEREAS, the proposal recommends policies to reduce complexity

2   in the social safety net and increase economic opportunity for

3   Americans receiving public assistance; and

4   WHEREAS, the proposal would encourage innovation in the delivery

5   of social services by state governments.

6   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION

7   OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

8   CONCURRING THEREIN:

9   THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature supports federal policies

10 that increase state-level oversight of public assistance programs.

11   THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature urges the United States

12 Congress to deliberate and approve the Opportunity Grant proposal.

13   THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the United

14 States House of Representatives Committee on the Budget.

15   Adopted by the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2015.

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18   Presiding Officer of the Senate

19   Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

20 2015.

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23   Presiding Officer of the House
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