

SHORT TITLE: Honoring the Broken Arrow High School Band;
distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 11

By: Wright, Ford and Easley of
the Senate

and

Gates, Weese and
Thornbrugh of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band; recognizing their many accomplishments; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band won two grand championship awards in field marching competition in the fall of 1992 and placed third at the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association competition in Norman, Oklahoma. During this period, 43 Broken Arrow High School students were named to the 1993 All District Honor Band and 36 students made the first cut in the All State tryouts. Of the All District concert and symphonic band players, six students made first chair in their division; and

WHEREAS, The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band was selected to participate in the Fiesta Bowl National Pageant of the Bands in Tempe, Arizona, late last year. The Pride competed against nine other high school marching bands at Sun Devil Stadium at Arizona State University and also during the Fiesta Bowl Parade in downtown Phoenix, Arizona. The Pride scored 93.45 points during the Fiesta Bowl Parade winning the Parade Sweepstakes--the highest award of the two parade divisions combined. The Pride also won second place in the General Effect caption during the parade. The Pride placed third in the Fiesta Bowl National Pageant of the Bands with a score of 93.8 points, winning the Audience Appeal Award; and

WHEREAS, a six-bus caravan containing The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band was delayed on the return to Oklahoma by severe weather which added to the excitement of the trip as they returned with the parade sweepstakes and third-place trophy from the pageant of bands; and

WHEREAS, The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band was the only band from the Sooner State to march and play in the inaugural parade of the new President of the United States in Washington, D. C. on January 20, 1993. The parade followed the President's inaugural address and The Pride of Broken Arrow was joined by Phillip Bread and R. G. Harris, both American Indians; and

WHEREAS, this was the second trip for Band Director Tom Stout, who as an intern teacher at Tulsa's Edison High School, twenty years ago, marched in the inaugural parade for President Nixon; and

WHEREAS, the Community of Broken Arrow, assisted by Tulsa, raised \$63,000 to pay for expenses incurred by their participation in the Presidential inaugural parade. Money came from individual donations, 300 donation canisters in local stores, Broken Arrow and Tulsa businesses and a franchising professional wrestling match, arranged by K-FOX radio starring professional wrestler Dick Murdock; and

WHEREAS, The Pride of Broken Arrow is preparing for their current concert band and jazz ensemble season in addition to the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association band competition in April 1993.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band for their accomplishments at the Fiesta Bowl Parade and the Presidential inaugural parade.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Band Codirectors Tom Stout and Phil Brooks, Color Guard Instructor Grace Lannert and all members of The Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band and Color Guard.

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