

SHORT TITLE: Honoring Mrs. Walter S. (Dorothy) Hammert as the 1994
"Mother of the Year"; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 027

By: Douglass

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Mrs. Walter S. (Dorothy) Hammert as 1994 "Mother of the Year"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walter S. (Dorothy) Hammert has successfully combined being the wife of Walter S. Hammert, mother of four active children and grandmother of three vigorous grandchildren, as well as having her own career. She has made significant contributions in the civic, governmental, educational, religious and business worlds as a retired executive secretary and as a volunteer in numerous civic and business organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hammert has demonstrated her commitment to be a positive influence for children by service on the Board of Early Childhood Development Center and as a Sunday School teacher at All Souls Episcopal Church. She also serves as the Area Educational Consultant for World Book and their Partners in Excellence Reading Specialist. As a local World Book specialist, she has offered Oklahoma schools an opportunity to get World Book Educational products at no cost through the Partners in Excellence Reading Program. The program encourages students to do more leisure-time reading and helps to bring fun to reading while encouraging parental involvement by encouraging the students to ask their parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends to sponsor them for a nominal amount which is donated for each book they read. For every two dollars raised in this way, World Book matches it with one dollar toward the purchase of educational products; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Dorothy Hammert wrote and published a book, "Rights are Responsibilities," conveying the principles of strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and the home. Basing the book on a document issued by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, she delineates the Bill of Responsibilities. The book is aimed at young readers and designed for individual reading or as a curriculum guide. Hammert received commendation for the book from the President of the United States and the U.S. Secretary of Education. She has provided copies to libraries and has foundation grants to supply it to schools; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hammert and her third-grade granddaughter, Kimi Welker, collaborated to write a song, "The World Could Be a Better Place." It was first performed during the Fourth of July celebration in 1991 in Nichols Hills. Dorothy composed the song after her 8-year old granddaughter wrote the words for a poem that made the finals of a nationwide competition. Kimi Welker, then a second-grader at Wiley Post Elementary School, was selected by editors at Scholastic Inc., as a finalist in the "One Child-One World" search to find delegates for an international children's summit. Her poem was displayed at the summit and Kimi was one of the 40 U.S. regional finalists from whom the eight U.S. delegates were selected; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hammert worked tirelessly as a volunteer to promote the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. She coordinated Phillip Morris Companies' visit to Oklahoma City with their Bill of Rights exhibit. She was named a Merit Mother of 1993 and is listed in the 1993 edition of "Who's Who of American Women." She has also served as the President of the Oklahoma City Alumnae Panhellenic Association and as a volunteer for several civic and business organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hammert's children are Dr. Diane Welker, Assistant Principal at Mayfield Middle School; Cindy Heinze, an

employee of Sensor Oil and Gas, Inc.; Dr. Warren Hammert, a dentist in oral surgery residency at Allegheny Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and June Hammert, who is working in Bangkok, Thailand, with the Harvard World-Teach Program. Mrs. Hammert also has three grandchildren, Trey Welker, Kimi Welker and Christy Heinze; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hammert was named 1994 Oklahoma Mother of the Year by the Oklahoma Mothers Association, an affiliate of American Mothers, Incorporated. The group is a national organization whose goal is to strengthen moral and spiritual foundations of the home. Formed in 1933, it honors mothers for their contributions to society and teaches them to become better mothers so they can educate their children to be better citizens. Dorothy will represent Oklahoma at the organization's annual convention April 29, 1994 through May 2, 1994, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Mrs. Walter S. (Dorothy) Hammert as 1994 Mother of the Year.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mrs. Walter S. (Dorothy) Hammert.

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