ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1112

By: Johnson, Benson, Ferguson, Adair, Adkins, Anthony, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Dunlap, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Fields, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, O'Neal, Paulk, Peltier, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rhodes, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smaligo, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemyre, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells and Worthen of the House

and

Taylor, Mickle and Wright of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution praising and commending Donna Nigh for her service as First Lady and work for the developmentally disabled; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Donna Nigh is an extremely active woman noted for her graciousness while serving as First Lady of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the First Lady of Oklahoma, she felt strongly about the people being able to be a part of the administration, and as a result opened the Governor's Mansion to the public every week for eight years, allowing any statewide group to use the Governor's Mansion and grounds, and welcoming approximately 150,000 guests; and

WHEREAS, Donna Nigh initiated the Easter Egg Hunt for the visually impaired on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion, was active in establishing the immunization program for preschool children, successfully pushed for passage of legislation mandating infant car-seats, and was on the founding Board of Directors for Children's Medical Research; and

WHEREAS, Donna Nigh is a lady with a long-time commitment to promoting programs for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and is well known for her efforts over the past 25 years establishing innovative programs for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Donna Nigh was the guiding force behind legislative approval and funding to establish group homes for the developmentally disabled in Oklahoma, which are now officially identified by the Department of Human Services as the Donna Nigh Group Home Program. In 1982, there was one group home for adults with developmental disabilities, and today over 100 homes are established in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Donna Nigh Foundation, a charitable organization, was established in 1984 to help with the needs of the developmentally disabled, and it is the only such foundation in Oklahoma. In its short existence, the Foundation has awarded grants to those with developmental disabilities who cannot obtain help elsewhere and has given much assistance to those people who serve these special Oklahomans. Donna Nigh continues to serve as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, Donna Nigh's efforts have been recognized by many statewide organizations including the Oklahoma Lung Association, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, and the State Mental Health Association, and she isan active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, and on the Board of the Foundation for Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes that Donna Nigh has enriched our world.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby commends and congratulates Donna Nigh for her lifelong commitment to helping others.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes that Donna Nigh has made the State of Oklahoma a better place to live through her courage and commitment in both her public and private life.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Donna Nigh.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate