

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 45 By: Hendrick, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution congratulating astronaut Shannon Lucid for her role in the space program; wishing her well on her current space flight; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Shannon Lucid was born in Shanghai, China, the daughter of Baptist Missionaries. At the age of six weeks, Shannon and her missionary parents became prisoners of war and spent a year in a Japanese concentration camp. After coming to the United States, the family again returned to China at the end of World War II but had to depart when the Communists took control. Shannon grew up in China, Texas and Oklahoma. Although she currently resides in Houston, Texas, Shannon regards Bethany, Oklahoma, as her hometown; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Lucid was usually the only woman in her chemistry classes at the University of Oklahoma. Shannon earned her Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate in Biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma. She worked as a chemist at Kerr-McGee Corporation in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, before earning her doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Lucid became one of the first women selected to be an astronaut in 1978. At the time she was working as a researcher for the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Four times between 1985 and 1993 Shannon flew on space shuttles; and

WHEREAS, in January 1995 Shannon Lucid moved to Star City outside Moscow, Russia, for cosmonaut training. After a year of training, she returned to her husband and three children; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Lucid is scheduled to depart from Earth early Thursday morning, March 21, 1996, to live in the Russian space station Mir for nearly five months. Shannon will be only the second American and the first American woman to live on Mir and the first woman to fly in space five times. She is expected to set a United States space endurance record.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates astronaut Shannon Lucid for her role in the space program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Shannon Lucid well on her current space flight.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to members of astronaut Shannon Lucid's family in Oklahoma and in Houston, Texas and to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for distribution to astronaut Shannon Lucid.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of March, 1996.

President of the Senate