

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 56 By: Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, 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 commending the Idabel band for its selection as national champion field show band in its division; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Idabel band raised \$24,400 through donations and fundraisers in order to travel for a 21-hour bus trip to Florida. The only financial support the school provided was the three buses and drivers; and

WHEREAS, the Idabel band competed against hundreds of other school bands. Idabel was one of about 300 American schools that qualified to compete in the field competition in the small-school division. This was the first time the Idabel band had qualified for the competition; and

WHEREAS, all the students were well-behaved on the trip as they showed their pride in representing Idabel. According to Idabel Band Director A. Brian Smith, the band "put every inch of their soul into what we've done, and this is the pay off." The Idabel band, which had only 28 members when band director Smith arrived, now has increased to nearly 100 members; and

WHEREAS, the Idabel band was named national champion field show band in the small-school division on Saturday, April 13, 1996, at the MGM Studio Auditorium in Orlando, Florida, before an audience of 10,000 students. The band's next performance will be at the spring concert on May 5, 1996, to be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Idabel school auditorium.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the Idabel band for winning a national championship for field show band in its division.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Idabel Band Director A. Brian Smith and Hershel Bushy, Superintendent of Idabel Public Schools.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

