

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3000

By: Gray

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state emblems; declaring the song "Oklahoma, My Native Land" the official children's song of the state; providing for the official depository of the song; requiring copies to be maintained in depository; stating words of the official state children's song; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.5 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The official children's song of the State of Oklahoma is hereby declared to be the words and music of the song "Oklahoma, My Native Land", composed and written by Martha Kemm Barrett.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.6 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Library, maintained by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, shall be the official depository of the official state children's song, and the State Librarian shall cause a copy of the song to be kept in the State Library.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.7 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The words of the official state children's song are:

"As I travel the roads of America, such wonderful sights I can see.

But nothing compares to the place I love;

The perfect home for you and for me.

Yes, Oklahoma, my native land. I am proud to say your future's looking grand. Yes, Oklahoma, such history. Ev'ry day you give a gift just for me.

I see a Scissortail Flycatcher cut through the clean air as mistletoe kisses the branches ev'rywhere. Redbuds open ev'ry single spring. I hear a Pow Wow beat the rhythm of the old ways as oil wells pump back mem'ries of the boom days. Only Oklahoma has these things.

Yes, Oklahoma, my native land. I am proud to say your future's looking grand. Yes, Oklahoma, such history. Ev'ry day you give a gift just for me. Perfect home for you. The perfect home for me. It's only Oklahoma for me."

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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