ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1076

By: Seikel, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Braddock, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Newport, O'Neal, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells, Wilt and Worthen of the House

and

Herbert of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing and congratulating Dr. Belinda McCharen for receiving the American Vocational Association's Educator of the Year Award; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Belinda McCharen's efforts as Guidance Coordinator for the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education has resulted in the creation of one of the nation's best vocational guidance systems. That system has grown from 50 vocational guidance

and student services specialists statewide to more than 185 through her strong leadership and local cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Belinda McCharen serves as an advocate for Oklahoma's children through her longtime service as a board member of the Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselor Advisory Board which provides legal and ethical oversight for the state's licensed professional counselors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Belinda McCharen's personal commitment to the children of Oklahoma and her vision for helping child victims of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building resulted in her coauthoring the book "The Terrible Scary Explosion". The book served as a tool for teachers to help elementary school children cope with the tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Belinda McCharen has played a leading role in ensuring the continued sustainability of Oklahoma's outstanding School-to-Work system with an overarching emphasis on local control. Through her close cooperation with 41 local School-to-Work partnerships and the Oklahoma School-to-Work State Advisory Panel, she has helped local partnerships leverage existing public and private sector resources to create a positive impact on Oklahoma's economic development; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Belinda McCharen's initiative in developing elementary career awareness materials has served as one of the foundations in the implementation of Oklahoma's nationally recognized School-to-Work system; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has received national recognition and credibility through Dr. Belinda McCharen's outstanding service and contributions to many state and national organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes and congratulates Dr. Belinda McCharen for receiving the nation's most outstanding award for vocational education administrators - the American Vocational Association's Educator of the Year Award.

THAT a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to Dr. Belinda McCharen and to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate