ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 12 By: Hendrick, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright

A Resolution honoring Shirley Veirs Foutz as Oklahoma's 1997 Mother of the Year; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz was born on October 19, 1924, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of Robert Calvin and Elnora Hauser Veirs. Shirley attended Culbertson Elementary School, Webster Junior High School and Central High School in Oklahoma City. She won an academic scholarship to Oklahoma City University and graduated with a degree in Business. While at OCU she served as editor of the year book and editor of the campus newspaper as well as President of the Press Club, the Methodist Youth Foundation and Phi Delta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs married Bill D. Foutz on her father's fiftieth birthday. Bill was attending the University of Oklahoma with the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps. After graduation, the two pursued their graduate degrees together, working during the day and attending school during the evening. Bill and Shirley Foutz have two daughters, Sherri Ann Foutz Boyd and Donna Kay Foutz Sanson, and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz served as President of Zachary Taylor Elementary PTA and Putnam City High School PTA. Both daughters were athletic, active in swimming and diving, and participated in meets. Shirley participated in her own way by earning her certification as an AAU Diving Judge; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz, after working in the accounting department for Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc. and as a real estate agent, founded Shirley V. Foutz Realtors, holding the positions of President, Chief Executive Officer, Broker and Investor. The firm specializes in commercial, industrial and investment real estate and handles all phases of real estate. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma City Bank of Commerce, as the first woman not from a banking family, to be elected to the Board of Directors of a bank in the State of Oklahoma. She was also elected to the Board of Directors of the American Savings and Loan Association; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz was recognized in "Who's Who in Greater Oklahoma City", included in "Personalities of the South", selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest", included in "Community Leaders of America, Two Thousand Women of Achievement", and recognized in the "National Social Directory and the World Who's Who of Women", and she appeared in "International Biography" and in "Who's Who in Finance and Industry"; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz is a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Shirley was selected as a Distinguished Alumni of Oklahoma City University and was elected as a Charter Member of the Board of Directors of the Central High Alumni Association in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz served on the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation, Inc. Shirley was elected to serve on the Board of Excellence of Baptist Medical Center of the Oklahoma Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz was chosen as an Oklahoma Delegate to the International Prayer Breakfast held in Washington, D.C., and served as a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz was selected as a National Judge for the Miss Teen of the Nation and the Ms. American Woman Pageant held in the nation's capital. Shirley served as a special judge for the Miss Oklahoma City University Teen Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Veirs Foutz has served as a member of American Mothers, Inc., and Oklahoma Mothers, Inc. After being nominated by Central High School Alumni Association of Oklahoma City, Shirley was selected by Oklahoma Mothers, Inc., as Oklahoma Mother of the Year, and she will compete for National Mother of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Shirley Veirs Foutz as Oklahoma's 1997 Mother of the Year.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Shirley Veirs Foutz; her husband, Bill D. Foutz; their daughters, Sherri Ann Foutz Boyd and Donna Kay Foutz Sanson; and the Central High School Alumni Association of Oklahoma City.