

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1022

By: Boyd (Betty), Perry and  
Smith (Hopper)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring and commending Mr. George Abshire,  
"Oklahoma Teacher of the Year"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, George Abshire was born in Cushing, Oklahoma and graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abshire later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Eastern State University in Ada, and has since dedicated his life to teaching; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abshire gained statewide recognition by being named "Oklahoma Teacher of the Year" from among 190 nominees and was later honored by the "National Teacher of the Year" Commission and President Bill Clinton as one of four finalists for "National Teacher of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abshire, a teacher of mathematics at Jenks East Middle School, where he also serves as Chair of the Mathematics Department, has been a mentor and an inspiration to more than 20 future and first-year teachers during his 14 years of service to the Jenks School District; and

WHEREAS, George Abshire and his wife, Judy, have given of their time to serve their community by participating in the Candlelight Circle of Friends, the Ronald MacDonald House, the American Red Cross, and by giving support to anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, the week of May 4 through May 10 is designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week and, as such, it is most appropriate that the State of Oklahoma congratulate Mr. Abshire on his recent honors and recognize his long-standing and continuing commitment to the children and the people of this state.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends George Abshire and wishes him continued success in his present and future endeavors.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to George Abshire; Dr. Kirby Lehman, Superintendent, Jenks Public School District; The Board of Education, Jenks Public School District; Dr. Floyd Coppedge, State Secretary of Education; and Sandy Garrett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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