

SHORT TITLE: Congratulating Senator Ben Brown for being selected to receive a Dream Catcher Award; honoring him for his role in donating a clock to the State Capitol.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 59

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A Resolution congratulating Senator Ben Brown for his selection to receive a Dream Catcher Award; honoring him for his role in donating an antique clock to the Oklahoma State Capitol; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator Ben Brown is one of the few social workers ever elected to the state legislature. Senator Brown has long been a staunch advocate for legislation improving people's lives, especially the lives of children. He served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives during the 38th and 39th Legislatures, and was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1984 where he has served to the present time; and

WHEREAS, after receiving an undergraduate degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and a graduate degree in social work from the University of Oklahoma, Ben Brown served with the Neighborhood Service Organization and the Energy Conservation and Housing Foundation. Senator Brown also serves on the Boards of the Oklahoma League of the Blind, the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Center, the Donna Nigh Foundation and the Make-A-Wish organization; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brown is currently the Executive Director of the Metro Alliance for Safer Cities, which operates a substance abuse treatment program, the first detoxification facility in Oklahoma City as an alternative to jail. The Oklahoma City Metro Alliance for Safer Cities also operates FIRSTSTEP, a program to provide an atmosphere for the recovery from alcoholism, emphasizing the twelve-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous as its foundation

and support. The special concern of FIRSTSTEP is the individuals who are indigent or whose families are no longer willing or able to support them. FIRSTSTEP provides a long-term living facility and a work-recovery program at no cost to the clients; and

WHEREAS, the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa's Dream Catcher Awards celebrate progress toward catching, shaping and realizing the community's dreams for a brighter future. The Dream Catcher Awards recognize vision, leadership, innovation, working effectively with others and long-term commitment, resulting in the creation of better ways to help people and to improve the quality of life in the Tulsa area. Senator Ben Brown received the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa's Dream Catcher Award on Thursday, December 4, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ben Brown's joint participation with Senator Ford was instrumental in securing an antique grandfather clock as a permanent fixture in the Senate Lounge in the Oklahoma State Capitol. The clock, built in the 1890s, was purchased by Oklahoma State Senators in the summer of 1997 and was dedicated during the first week of the 46th Legislative Session.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Senator Ben Brown on receiving the Dream Catcher Award from the Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Senator Ben Brown for his role in donating the antique grandfather clock now located in the State Senate Lounge.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Benjamin J. Brown and his wife, Billie Brown.

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