ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1089

By: Weaver of the House

and

Wilkerson of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution stating that Cowboy Poet Francine Roark Robison be designated the honorary position of State Cowboy Poet Laureate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Francine Roark Robison is a dedicated and creative Oklahoma teacher having taught English and Humanities in a high school classroom for twenty years prior to leaving the classroom for a new venture; and

WHEREAS, her new venture became writing and expounding on the gifts of her “Cowboy Poetry”; and

WHEREAS, Francine Roark Robison writes from family stories which have been passed down from her parents and from excerpts of her own life and personal experiences; and

WHEREAS, most of the settings of this Cowboy Poetry are set in the beautiful southern parts of Oklahoma and in the Arbuckle Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Francine Roark Robison is a well-known member of the Oklahoma Writing Project and has been published in *Christian Single Magazine* and in *Oklahoma English Journal*; and

WHEREAS, the last few lines of "Lost and Found" written by Francine Roark Robison state:

"I was that maverick, wandering alone

Through darkness of night, far from home,

Till Jesus, the Shepherd, called out my name —

To loving arms and salvation I came.

The cowboy searches for critters he’s lost,

Like Jesus, he gives all, not counting the cost."; and

WHEREAS, the gifted and creative Francine Roark Robison’s poetry reflects the heart of Oklahoma and portrays a positive and beautiful image of our state; and

WHEREAS, this Cowboy Poet, the talented Francine Roark Robison, deserves the honor of being designated the State Cowboy Poet Laureate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT members of this proud Legislature state that Francine Roark Robison be designated as State Cowboy Poet Laureate in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Francine Roark Robison.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2000.

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President of the Senate