

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Haney of the Senate

and

Blackburn of the House

A Concurrent Resolution praising participants in the Native American Law Students Association Seventh Annual Moot Court Competition; congratulating Oklahoma City University School of Law and Native American Legal Resource Center; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City University School of Law seeks innovative programs to improve and enhance educational opportunities to serve their students and the public in various fields of law. With this in mind, the School of Law formally began operations of its Native American Legal Resources Center on July 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City University has a chapter of the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA). Its parent organization, the National Native American Law Students Association, holds an annual National Moot Court Competition on issues of American Indian Law; and

WHEREAS, the National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition brings students from law schools around the nation together in an exhibition of appellate advocacy that displays mental acuity, forensic skills and the art of writing. Nationally recognized Indian law experts, including law professors, practicing attorneys, and state and Indian tribal judges, serve as judges in the competition; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City University Chapter of the Native American Law Students Association has hosted the competition for four of the seven years the competition has been held. This year the Native American Law Students Association of the Oklahoma City University School of Law is again hosting the National Seventh Annual Moot Court Competition on March 4-6, 1999; and

WHEREAS, over thirty teams from American Bar Association accredited law schools, representing the preeminent law schools of the country, have registered for competition. This year's moot court problem was written by Professor Kirke Kickingbird and Assistant United States Attorney Arvo Mikkanen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the participating law school and their student representatives, the National Native American Law Students Association, and their Oklahoma City Chapter for efforts supporting and contributing to the National Native American Law Students Association's Seventh Annual Moot Court Competition.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Oklahoma City University School of Law and its Native American Legal Resource Center on ten years of successful operation in the complex field of American Indian law that is of such vital interest to the State of Oklahoma and the 39 tribes within the state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma City University President Stephen G. Jennings; Oklahoma City University School of Law Dean Lawrence C. Hellman; Professor Kirke Kickingbird, Director, Native American Legal Resource Center; the Oklahoma City University Chapter of the Native American Law Students Association; and Barbara A. Warner, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives