

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. _____

By: Benson and Sellers
of the House

and

Taylor and Milacek
of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commemorating the unveiling of "We Belong to the Land," a mural paying tribute to the agriculture industry; extending commendation to the artist, Mr. Jeff Dodd; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it has been said that "the art of a people is a true mirror of their minds"; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Dodd, an artist who reflects the spirit and values of Oklahomans in his work, has graced this capitol building with works of art that depict significant aspects of Oklahoma life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd's latest work for the Capitol, entitled "We Belong to the Land," is a tribute to agriculture that portrays the different elements of a way of life that is more than just an industry to this state; and

WHEREAS, this great work, with its rich symbolism, which adorns the entrance of the House chamber, gives a dramatic and moving representation of the boundless importance of agriculture to the heritage of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd's other great work for the Capitol, "Oklahoma Black Gold," a tribute to Oklahoma's oil industry, hangs over the Senate chamber entrance, providing a stirring depiction of that important industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodd, an Oklahoma native who has received numerous awards for his exhibitions throughout the country is indeed an Oklahoman who understands Oklahoma culture and masterfully illustrates that culture in his work.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby commemorates the unveiling on March 16, 1999, of "We Belong to the Land," a mural paying tribute to agriculture in this state, painted by Mr. Jeff Dodd.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby extends sincere commendation to Mr. Jeff Dodd for his outstanding artistic work which truly reflects the qualities of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to Mr. Jeff Dodd.

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