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A Resolution proclaiming the month of April 1999 as "Oklahoma Science and Technology Month"; recognizing and supporting science and technology advancement and its importance to the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, science is knowledge and technology is know-how. Science is discovery and technology is application. Science is explanations and predictions while technology is design and demonstration. Science is intended to better understand the world while technology is intended to change the world; and

WHEREAS, the world has been transformed by science and technology in this century, and this transformation is continuing, even accelerating, as the century comes to its close; and

WHEREAS, the development and commercialization of new technology-intensive products, processes and services is the key to long-term success for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, technology is the driving force behind today's record-setting economy; and

WHEREAS, technological innovation has created new industries and placed Oklahoma in first place in the region for the creation of manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, research-intensive industries that are users of technology account for increasingly larger dollar volumes of sales and employment in the state; and

WHEREAS, commercialization of new technologies has been recognized as a powerful force in the development of local, state, and national economies, and technology accounts for more than half

of the long-term rate of increase in an industrial economy's output of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, research, technology and their subsequent transfer to the business community is an efficient process to move Oklahoma into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the state and the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology is to enhance the economic competitiveness of the state by supporting basic and applied research and facilitating technology transfer between research laboratories, businesses and farms.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate proclaims the month of April 1999 as "Oklahoma Science and Technology Month".

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and supports science and technology advancements and its importance to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST), the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education.

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