

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION HCR1030

By: Case of the House

and

Herbert of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution remembering the life of Mary Baker Eddy and praising her achievements; recognizing and congratulating the Midwest City Library for hosting the exhibit of Eddy's life; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Midwest City Library, a branch of the Metropolitan Library System, has been honored by being the only public library in the State of Oklahoma to host "This is woman's hour ... The Life of Mary Baker Eddy", a multimedia touring exhibit, during May through June 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 1821, near Concord, New Hampshire, Mary Morse Baker was born a member of a devoted Congregationalist family; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the First Women's Rights Convention in 1848, Mary Morse Baker's life was extremely difficult as a chronically ill, widowed, single mother, with no property to call her own; and

WHEREAS, Mary Baker Eddy authored the seminal work on spirituality and healing, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", a system of prayer-based healing; and

WHEREAS, Mary Baker Eddy was a pioneer in the field of mind/body medicine, a healer and a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mary Baker Eddy founded the Church of Christ Scientist, which today has some 2,200 congregations in 70 countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1898, Mary Baker Eddy founded the Christian Science Publishing Society and ten years later, in 1908, launched the award-winning newspaper, "The Christian Science Monitor"; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mary Baker Eddy was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame as the only American woman to found a lasting American-based religion; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 1999, the National Foundation for Women Legislators presented a media award to Eddy for her contribution to fair and balanced journalism; and

WHEREAS, this educational exhibit honors the life of an extraordinary human being who has contributed much to humanity; and

WHEREAS, the multimedia national educational touring exhibit, "This is woman's hour ... The Life of Mary Baker Eddy", will bring people from all walks of life and many corners of the state to Midwest City and to the Midwest City Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate hereby honor the memory of Mary Baker Eddy for her numerous contributions to humanity.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates the Midwest City Library for hosting this historic event.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Virginia S. Harris, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the First Church of Christ Scientist, and to Norman L. Maas, Executive Director, Metropolitan Library System.

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