ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 53

By: Corn of the Senate

and

Brannon of the House

A Concurrent Resolution designating Teresa Farrington the State's Okie Caricature Artist; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington, a resident of Poteau, Oklahoma, attended Notre Dame High School and Carl Albert State College. A commercial artist and cartoonist for the last 18 years, she has been professionally entertaining with caricatures for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington worked in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the mid-1990s and then began a commercial sign business in Poteau, Oklahoma, in 1998. She adopted the show name "the Okie Artist" and now owns and operates Caricature Creations by the Okie Artist and A+ Sign Gal in Poteau, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington served on the Board of the Poteau Chamber of Commerce from 2000-2002 and was nominated as Oklahoma Business Woman of the Year in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, as well as the Oklahoma Writers' Federation, has served as Treasurer for the Green Country Ruff Riters, and holds the position of Secretary for the National Caricaturist Network; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington teaches art classes for adults at Carl Albert State College, contributes to fund-raising events for charitable organizations such as Relay for Life, and has donated wall murals at the Child Advocacy Center. One of her watercolor

paintings of the Oklahoma bombing memorial was displayed in the Oklahoma State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Farrington, as "the Okie Artist", entertains in full Okie costume, which includes overalls and a red, patched hat with a bright yellow sunflower, at fairs, festivals, conventions, corporate events, trade shows, universities, and charity fund-raisers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has already designated a State Caricature Artist, and the Oklahoma State Legislature sorely misses the caricaturistic talents of former State Senator Don Rubottom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature designates Teresa Farrington, also known as "the Okie Artist", as the State's Okie Caricature Artist.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Teresa Farrington and the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of April, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives