

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 42

By: Brogdon of the Senate

and

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending and congratulating the Catoosa High School Marching Band, upon their selection to represent the State of Oklahoma during the 2004 Memorial Day weekend parade in Washington, D.C.; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, nearly 59 years after the end of World War II, the National World War II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C., during the 2004 Memorial Day weekend. The four-day celebration on the National Mall is the culmination of an eleven-year effort to honor America's World War II generation. The Memorial was authorized by Congress in 1993, and work began in September 2001 after years of preparation; and

WHEREAS, the four-day Memorial Day weekend "Tribute to a Generation" dedication celebration, planned by the American Battle Monuments Commission, will have its grand finale in a World War II Veterans Parade to honor and pay tribute to all of the veterans who so bravely served in World War II. The dedication/tribute parade is the last event in a week of ceremonies surrounding the unveiling of the new World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The weekend activities will be an historic opportunity to provide an appropriate way to demonstrate the appreciation of a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, the Catoosa High School Marching Band, known as "The Tribe," will participate in the 2004 Memorial Day weekend events, as

an important part of the grand finale ceremony dedicating the World War II Memorial. Only one band from each state has been selected to march in the parade. The Tribe will represent the State of Oklahoma in "A Parade Salute to World War II Veterans," recognized by the World War II Memorial Dedication Committee and the American Battle Monuments Commission. The two and one-half hour long parade will both honor and pay tribute to all World War II Veterans for their dedication and service to our country. The parade, sponsored by the World War II Veterans Parade Task Force, will be nationally telecast.

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 commends and congratulates the Catoosa High School Marching Band, "The Tribe," upon their selection to represent the State of Oklahoma during the 2004 Memorial Day weekend parade on May 31, in Washington, D.C., as part of the dedication of the World War II Memorial.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Superintendent of Catoosa Public Schools Dr. Mike Copeland; Catoosa High School Principal Mitch McGehee; Catoosa High School Marching Band Director Brian Jackson; Assistant Band Director Scott Kennedy; and Catoosa Band Boosters leaders John Suskey, Donna Tapley, and Frank Olivera.

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