STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 66 By: Reynolds

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending and congratulating Sherri Kelly, Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma 2004; wishing her well in the forthcoming Ms. Wheelchair America competition; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Sherri Kelly, a resident of Del City, Oklahoma, was diagnosed as having meningitis at birth and cerebral palsy at eight months of age. While her mind works amazingly, she is unable to control any of her muscles. As a result, she can neither speak nor walk, thus she uses a power chair for mobility and a headpointer, also known as a head wand, for communications; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Kelly graduated from high school in 1985. An honor student, she attended Rose State College and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year college students. Ms. Kelly served a term as an officer of that chapter and continues to take Webmaster courses at Rose State College as a part-time student; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Kelly currently works at the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center as a project assistant. She is also a moderator for the American Physical Therapy Association Pediatric Section's list serve.

WHEREAS, Sherri Kelly was recently selected as Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma. The mission of this program is to provide an opportunity for women of achievement who utilize wheelchairs and assistive technology to successfully educate and advocate for the millions of individuals with disabilities. As Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma, Sherri

Kelly is required to communicate both the needs and the accomplishments of her constituency to the general public, the business community, and the government; and

WHEREAS, Sherri Kelly will be representing the State of Oklahoma on the national level at the Ms. Wheelchair America competition which will be held in Virginia during July 2004. Judging criteria will be based on communication skills, the ability to effectively work with media, the ability to communicate with civic groups, schools, and peers, public-relation skills, and advocacy leadership.

WHEREAS, having spent many years advocating for the rights of those living with disabilities, Sherri Kelly possesses the talents and skills necessary to further the goals of this program.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Sherri Kelly, Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma 2004.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Ms. Kelly well in the forthcoming Ms. Wheelchair America competition.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma 2004, Sherri Kelly.

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