ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 37

By: Williamson, Mazzei and Riley of the Senate

and

Perry, Benge and Peterson (Pam) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution commending Jenks Public Schools upon receiving the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jenks Public Schools is a public school district serving both suburban and urban populations. Its programs and services include an intergenerational program with prekindergarten and kindergarten students and the elderly, a "Parents as Teachers" program, and a student and teacher exchange program with a school in Chengdu, China. The school district has nine schools on five campuses and is the 11th largest school district in Oklahoma with 9,421 students. Located in Jenks, Oklahoma, and encompassing portions of south and west Tulsa, Oklahoma, it has an annual budget of $51.6 million that supports 673 certified teachers and administrators plus 594 support staff, as well as other programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Jenks Public Schools boasts that 42% of its teaching staff members have master's degrees, 2% have doctorates, and 98.5% are "highly qualified", according to the No Child Left Behind standards. The Academic Performance Index scores for its students from 2001 to 2005 exceed the test scores at the national and state levels. The "Edline" program enables direct communication with teachers via computer for both parents and students. The Career Action Planning (CAP) program facilitates communication between parents, students, and teachers; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2005, President George W. Bush and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez announced that Jenks Public Schools is one of six organizations to receive the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. All six recipients were evaluated rigorously by an independent board of examiners in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; human resource focus; process management; and results. The evaluation process included about 1,000 hours of review and an on-site visit by teams of examiners to clarify questions and verify information. The recipients of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award provide inspiration for all United States organizations in their quest for excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates and commends Jenks Public Schools upon its selection as one of six national recipients of the 2005 Presidential Award for Quality and Performance Excellence, known as the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation’s highest Presidential honor for quality and organizational performance excellence.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Kirby A. Lehman, Doctor of Education, Superintendent, Jenks Public Schools; Sandy Garrett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Mike Strong, Executive Director, Oklahoma Quality Award Foundation, Inc.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of February, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives