

ENROLLED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1032

By: Sullivan, Adkins, Armes, Askins,  
Auffet, Balkman, Banz, Benge, Billy,  
Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell,  
Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Calvey,  
Carey, Cargill, Case, Coody, Cooksey,  
Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue,  
Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan,  
Eddins, Ellis, Gilbert, Glenn,  
Hamilton, Harrison, Hastings, Hickman,  
Hiett, Hilliard, Hyman, Ingmire,  
Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern,  
Kiesel, Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley,  
Liotta, Martin, Mass, McCarter,  
McDaniel, McMullen, McPeak, Miller  
(Doug), Miller (Ken), Miller (Ray),  
Morgan (Danny), Morgan (Fred),  
Morrissette, Nance, Nations, Newport,  
Perry, Peters, Peterson (Pam),  
Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Plunk, Pruett,  
Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Roggow,  
Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake,  
Shumate, Smaligo, Smithson, Staggs,  
Steele, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson,  
Tibbs, Toure, Trebilcock, Turner,  
Walker, Wesselhoft, Wilt, Winchester,  
Worthen, Wright and Young of the House

and

Williamson, Adelson, Aldridge,  
Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan,  
Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee,  
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford,  
Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson,  
Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Lamb,  
Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich,  
Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan,  
Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt,  
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden,  
Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilson and Wyrick  
of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution commending Dr. Francine  
Ringold for her contributions to this state;  
congratulating Dr. Ringold for her second appointment  
as State Poet Laureate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the English poet, Matthew Arnold, said "Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying things"; and

WHEREAS, poetry is the imaginative treatment of experience through the heightened use of language; and

WHEREAS, poetry speaks to the soul, painting a picture with words, inspiring us and making us think about the universe around us; and

WHEREAS, the individual who personifies poetry for a society is its poet laureate; and

WHEREAS, the office of poet laureate historically has been a position bestowed upon a poet acclaimed as the most eminent in the locality; and

WHEREAS, the position of State Poet Laureate was established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poet Laureate Program is designed to honor outstanding Oklahoma poets and promote participation in the literary arts of the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Governor Brad Henry appointed Dr. Francine Ringold to the post of State Poet Laureate for the 2003-2005 term and recently reappointed her as State Poet Laureate for the 2005-2007 term; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ringold is a distinguished writer of poetry, prose and plays and is editor of Nimrod International Journal of Prose and Poetry at the University of Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Dr. Ringold received the Oklahoma Book Award for her book "The Trouble with Voices" and in 2000 was a finalist for the award for her book "Every Other One", a collaboration with her husband, Manly Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ringold has taught literature, creative writing and theater at the University of Tulsa, in the Oklahoma State Arts Education and Artists in the Schools programs, at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, and at the Tulsa Center for the Physically Limited; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ringold honors this state, not only with her considerable talent, but also with her willingness to share her gift with others and help shape the artistic talents of aspiring poets and writers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this state, hereby commends Dr. Francine Ringold for her valuable contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT Dr. Francine Ringold is hereby congratulated for being twice designated State Poet Laureate, a post she fills in a manner that brings honor to this state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Francine Ringold.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 27th day of May, 2005.

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