ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 27

By: Lerblance, 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, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution honoring Inez Sitter for her 61 years of service to the Choctaw Nation's Jones Academy; congratulating her upon receiving recognition for her many contributions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jones Academy is a residential care center for Native American elementary and secondary school-aged children. Established in 1891 by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the school is located on a 540-acre campus, five miles northeast of Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Today, Jones Academy provides residential services and academic classes to predominately at-risk children from over 20 Indian tribes throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Inez Huddleston Sitter was born on February 28, 1917. She began her employment with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) at Jones Academy in March 1944 in an administrative position, later becoming the Administrative Assistant, and retiring in 1983, after 39 years of continual service at Jones Academy. During this period, she always received the highest annual performance evaluations and forfeited a vast amount of annual leave in order to complete needed work; and

WHEREAS, Inez Sitter, upon her retirement from the BIA, continued to work at Jones Academy as the Study Hall Coordinator, Tutorial Coordinator, Library Services Coordinator, and On-Campus Director of the Foster Grandparents Program. She and her husband, Frank, lived on campus for more than 30 years, bringing up two daughters there; and

WHEREAS, Inez Sitter continues to volunteer at the Academy and is also an active member of many civic organizations, including the Hartshorne Edgewood United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the America Revolution, and the American Legion Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, recognizing the selfless and outstanding contributions of Inez Sitter, awarded her its Lifetime Achievement Award on August 3, 2004. On November 18, 2004, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 423, honoring Inez Sitter for her 60 years of service to the Choctaw Nation's Jones Academy in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. She accepted the resolution in Washington, D.C., on April 5, 2005.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Inez Sitter for her 61 years of service to the Choctaw Nation's Jones Academy in Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Inez Sitter for receiving recognition for her many selfless contributions by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Inez Sitter.

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

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Presiding Officer of the Senate