

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 41

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Morgan, Myers, Nichols,
Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon,
Reynolds, Riley, Shurden,
Taylor, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing Tim Tingle's contributions;
encouraging all Oklahomans to read his book; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Tim Tingle has dedicated his life to collecting and preserving the stories of the Choctaw Nation and other Native American cultures. As a renowned folklorist and storyteller, Tim Tingle honors the voices of many Choctaws by presenting stories that represent their history, spirit, and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tingle, through his inspiring book, "Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory", has translated twelve of these stories into written versions that captivate readers and transport them to a magical place where truthfulness, generosity, bravery, patience, dignity, courage, tolerance, faith, and working toward the good resonate; and

WHEREAS, "Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory" has garnered numerous regional, national, and international awards. It was selected by popular vote to be the "one book" all Oklahomans read and discuss during 2005 as part of the Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma Centennial Project, a concept endorsed by the Library of Congress. It also holds the national record of being the only book selected by two statewide reading projects (Oklahoma and Alaska) as the "one book" to read and discuss throughout 2005; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tingle will encourage people to make connections through literature and reading by participating in more than 70

appearances at libraries, museums, community centers, and schools throughout the State of Oklahoma from June through November 2005.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes Tim Tingle's many contributions building bridges between cultures and commends his courage, integrity, and commitment to high standards.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages all Oklahomans to read "Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory" and discuss its historic perspective and cultural themes from which we may all gain strength and understanding.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Tim Tingle.

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate