

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 45

By: Shurden, Wilson, Adelson,  
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Coates, Coffee, Corn,  
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
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Harrison, Hobson, Johnson,  
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Lawler, Leftwich,  
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Morgan, Myers, Nichols,  
Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon,  
Reynolds, Riley, Taylor,  
Wilcoxson, Williamson, and  
Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Carrie Underwood for her finalist status on the "American Idol" television program; thanking her for presenting a positive role model; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Carrie Underwood was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on March 10, 1983, but Checotah lays complete claim to her as a native. Carrie's parents are Stephen and Carole Underwood of the Onapa area. Carrie has two older sisters, Shanna Underwood Means who teaches at Liberty Mounds, and Stephanie Underwood Shelton who teaches at Arkhoma; and

WHEREAS, Carrie has delighted Checotah folks with her singing since her elementary school days. During high school, she sang in the school's award-winning chorus. She excited audiences every year at the Robbin Emerson Memorial Talent Show, which raises money for scholarships. She was often kind enough to sing the National Anthem at basketball games. Carrie excelled academically and was the salutatorian of her 2001 Checotah High School graduating class; and

WHEREAS, Carrie attended Northeastern State University after high school. She is a senior mass communications major with an emphasis in journalism. She performed for two years in Northeastern's Downtown Country Show in Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Carrie auditioned last August in St. Louis, Missouri, for the American Idol television show. She was named to the top twenty-four in mid-February, and has been in Hollywood, California, performing weekly since; and

WHEREAS, while people in Checotah and Oklahoma are extremely proud of Carrie's phenomenal talent, they are even more proud of the kind of young person she has always been. Carrie Underwood is intelligent, kind, and considerate – undoubtedly one of the finest young women anyone will ever meet.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate takes great pride in congratulating Carrie Underwood of Checotah, Oklahoma, for becoming a finalist on the television program "American Idol" and supports her efforts in the final round.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Carrie Underwood for being a positive public role model and representing Oklahoma so superbly before an audience of millions of television viewers both in this nation and abroad.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to our own Oklahoma Idol, Carrie Underwood.

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate