

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 64

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Riley, Shurden, Taylor,
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Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Edmond, Oklahoma, artist
Shan Gray; recognizing his talent; and directing
distribution.

WHEREAS, Shan Gray of Edmond, Oklahoma, is taking his place on
the world sports art stage by sculpting sports figures. Gray's 19-
foot-tall bronze statue of Olympic Champion Shannon Miller, the
largest bronze monument of a woman athlete in the United States, was
well received in their mutual hometown of Edmond, Oklahoma, at its
dedication in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Shan Gray's 9-foot-tall bronze statues of deceased
National Baseball Hall of Fame member Warren Spahn of Broken Arrow,
Oklahoma, is installed in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Braves' Turner
Field; at the Oklahoma Sports Museum in Guthrie, Oklahoma; and at
SBC Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gray's bronze
bust of New York Yankee ace pitcher Allie "Superchief" Reynolds is
also housed at SBC Bricktown Ballpark; and

WHEREAS, Shan Gray's bronze statue of Billy Vessels is the first
in a series of depictions of University of Oklahoma Heisman Trophy
winners at the Norman, Oklahoma, campus. Gray's current project is
a sculpture of Oklahoma actor James Garner; and

WHEREAS, Shan Gray is one of only eight artists selected to
represent the United States as an official Olympic artist and is the
only artist to create two official United States Olympic Team works
of art for Americans competing at the XX Olympic Winter Games in
Torino, Italy. Gray's bronze statue of a young American bald eagle

grasping an olive branch, entitled "Peace through the Olympic Games", is the only statue commissioned by the United States Olympic Committee for the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy. His single element design poster of the same eagle, also entitled "Peace through the Olympic Games", is his other Olympic artwork.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Shan Gray for creating two official United States Olympic Committee works of art for the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the outstanding artistic talent of Edmond, Oklahoma, resident Shan Gray and lauds his career in sports art, especially those featuring famous Oklahomans as his subjects.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Shan Gray, the United States Olympic Committee, the Arts Council of Oklahoma City, and the Fine Arts Institute of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of February, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate