ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 73

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

A Resolution commending American Mothers, Inc., and the Oklahoma Mothers Association; congratulating Cynthia Collins-Clark upon her selection as Oklahoma Mother of the Year 2006; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Cynthia (Cynde) Collins-Clark and Jim Clark, an educator and a home remodeler, were married in 1996, and have a blended family of six children. Cynde is a past president and active member of the Remington Lion's Club, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Cynde earned her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and two master's degrees from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has been an educator for over 20 years, the past 11 as a counselor. Cynde became a Licensed Professional Counselor in 2000 and is a National Board Certified Counselor and a member and past officer of the Oklahoma Counseling Association; and

WHEREAS, Cynde's son Joe volunteered for active duty in Iraq in 2003, and he returned with a military-related illness that has taken a tremendous toll on the entire family. Cynde's goal is to honor Joe and other veterans by being actively involved in creating a more accessible, timely, and less cumbersome process for our veterans to receive services and assistance. She is also committed to connecting with families of veterans to offer encouragement, hope, and support during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, American Mothers, Inc., an interfaith, nonpolitical, nonprofit organization, has as its slogan "Strengthening Families" and carries out its slogan by encouraging mothers to use their unique gifts and talents through contests in art, music, and creative writing; and

WHEREAS, each year a national American Mothers, Inc. convention is held in a different state. This convention, honoring mothers throughout the country, includes leadership training, inspiring programs, and a place for camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, each American Mothers, Inc. state affiliate may select a Mother of the Year to represent that state at the annual convention, where one mother is named the National Mother of the Year. The National Mother of the Year travels throughout the country promoting the purpose of American Mothers, Inc. and serves on the national board; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Mothers Association has selected Cynthia Collins-Clark as Oklahoma Mother of the Year 2006.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends American Mothers, Inc. and the Oklahoma Mothers Association for their dedication to the American family and support of American mothers.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Cynthia Collins-Clark upon her selection as Oklahoma Mother of the Year 2006 and wishes her well in competition for the national title.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma Mother of the Year 2006, Cynthia Collins-Clark.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of March, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate