

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 1025

By: Carey of the House

and

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Tim Tingle for his dedication to Native American cultures and to preserving the stories of the Choctaw Nation; 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; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tingle, as a renowned folklorist and storyteller, 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; and

WHEREAS, *Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory* 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; and

WHEREAS, *Walking the Choctaw Road: Stories from Red People Memory* 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 encourages 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Tim Tingle for the honor he brings to the Choctaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma by preserving and writing about Native American cultures.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Tim Tingle for his dedication to literature and recognizes his many contributions to building bridges between cultures and commends his courage, integrity, and commitment to high standards.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges 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.

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