

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1052

By: Askins

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating Representative Barbara Staggs for her selection for the National Advocacy Honor Roll of the American Library Association and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the American Library Association, founded in 1876, is the oldest and largest library association in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) instituted a National Advocacy Honor Roll to give national recognition to extraordinary library advocates and "to identify and celebrate those individuals and groups who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state, or national levels"; and

WHEREAS, deserving individuals are named to the Honor Roll every five years and in 2005, for the second ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll, this state has the good fortune of having a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Representative Barbara Staggs, selected for this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Representative Barbara Staggs, has been a strong advocate for public libraries and has worked diligently to improve the library system in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Representative Barbara Staggs was responsible for legislation which, for the first time, provided state-appropriated funding for the construction or renovation of public libraries in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, due to this legislation, fifteen Oklahoma communities have received grants that have enabled them to renovate or construct library buildings; and

WHEREAS, there can be no doubt that Representative Barbara Staggs is worthy of national recognition for her efforts on behalf of public libraries and is indeed deserving of her selection for the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll.

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

THAT Representative Barbara Staggs is hereby congratulated by her colleagues for her selection for the National Advocacy Honor Roll of the American Library Association and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates and for the national recognition that she is an outstanding person who has truly made a difference by advocating for Oklahoma's libraries.

THAT a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be presented to Representative Barbara Staggs.

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