

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 101

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(Constance), Johnson (Mike),
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Paddack, Rabon, Reynolds, Rice,
Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,
Wilcoxson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating David Cook for winning
the 2008 American Idol competition; commending all
Oklahoma contestants; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, David Roland Cook was born on December 20, 1982. He received his first guitar at the age of two and in the second grade began singing in public. Throughout his school years he appeared and sang in Christmas pageants, PTA programs, choir, and drama programs. In high school David Cook performed in "The Music Man", "West Side Story", and "Singin' in the Rain". David Cook formed the band Axium during his junior year in high school; and

WHEREAS, David Cook received a theater scholarship to the University of Central Missouri. He graduated in 2006 with a degree in graphic design. That year his solo independent album "Analog Heart" was released. David also designed the cover's artwork. After graduation David moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and informed his family he wanted to pursue a music career. He gave himself until the age of 26 to get a job in the music industry. In Tulsa, David

Cook tended bar and performed with the touring band Midwest Kings (MWK), playing guitar and bass and singing backup vocals; and

WHEREAS, David Cook went to the American Idol audition in Omaha, Nebraska, to support his brother Andrew but was convinced to try out himself. Throughout the competition he sang versions of songs that fit his vocal style and utilized his own arrangements whenever possible. He was able to make songs his own and interpret them in his own style. The results were announced on May 21, 2008. In the final round of American Idol's seventh season, 25-year-old David Cook won by 12 million votes or 56% of the 97.5 million ballots cast, the largest winning margin in the history of the program; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans are familiar contestants on American Idol. Carrie Underwood of Checotah won in 2005 and numerous other Oklahomans have been contestants. David Cook will perform in the "American Idols Live" tour on September 13, 2008, in Tulsa's BOK Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates David Cook of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for winning the 2008 American Idol competition.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and is justly proud of all the Oklahoma contestants who have appeared on American Idol.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to David Cook, winner of the 2008 American Idol competition.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate