

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 15

By: Mazzei and Brown of the
Senate

5 and

6 Wright, Peterson (Ron),
7 Adkins and Trebilcock of
the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution congratulating the Pride of
11 Broken Arrow Marching Band for winning the Bands of
12 America Grand Nationals competition; recognizing the
school district's musical heritage; and directing
13 distribution.

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15 WHEREAS, Broken Arrow public schools comprise the sixth largest
16 district in Oklahoma, covering 115 square miles, and serving some
17 15,000 students. The district is composed of 14 elementary schools,
18 five middle schools, two intermediate schools, and one senior high
19 school; and

20 WHEREAS, the Broken Arrow band program was founded in 1929 and
21 has developed a tradition of musical excellence. Besides the Pride
22 of Broken Arrow Marching Band, concert bands have also played a
23 major role and won various competitions; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band provides an
2 outlet for high school students interested in design, performance,
3 social, and competitive opportunities. Membership is voluntary but
4 an audition is required. Membership is based on the performance
5 ability of the auditionee. As an extracurricular activity,
6 rehearsals are almost entirely outside of the typical school
7 schedule; and

8 WHEREAS, the Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band qualified for
9 competition at the 2006 Bands of America Grand Nationals (known as
10 the Super Bowl of Band Competitions) at the Bands of America Super
11 Regional held in St. Louis, Missouri, after winning its fifth
12 straight state championship and the Putnam City March Classic; and

13 WHEREAS, the 250-member Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band won
14 the 2006 Grand Champion title at the Bands of America Grand
15 Nationals held at the RAC Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Pride
16 of Broken Arrow Marching Band accomplished this feat with their
17 "Aqua" performance that enabled them to defeat 91 other finalist
18 bands from 25 states. The Pride's final performance earned the
19 "Outstanding General Effect" Award and propelled the Pride to the
20 highest finals score in the history of the competition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
22 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Pride of
2 Broken Arrow Marching Band for winning the Bands of America Grand
3 Nationals competition, indicating it is the best high school
4 marching band in the nation.

5 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the Pride of Broken
6 Arrow Marching Band for being the first band from Oklahoma to
7 accomplish this feat, hails its record-breaking final score, and
8 recognizes the outstanding musical heritage of the Broken Arrow
9 School District.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pride of Broken
11 Arrow Marching Band Director/Coordinator Darrin Davis,
12 Director/Coordinator/Supervisor of Instrumental Music Scott
13 Tomlinson, Broken Arrow High School Principal Rob Armstrong, and
14 Superintendent of Broken Arrow Public Schools Dr. Jim Sisney.

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