

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 18

By: Garrison, Adelson,  
Aldridge, Anderson,  
Ballenger, Barrington,  
Bass, Bingman, Branan,  
Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,  
Coates, Coffee, Corn,  
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
Eason McIntyre, Ellis,  
Ford, Gumm, Halligan,  
Ivester, Johnson  
(Constance), Johnson  
(Mike), Jolley, Justice,  
Lamb, Laster, Leftwich,  
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,  
Myers, Newberry, Nichols,  
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,  
Russell, Schulz, Sparks,  
Stanislawski, Sweeden,  
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of  
the Senate

and

McPeak of the House

17 A Concurrent Resolution praising the Sadler Arts  
18 Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma; commending 2008 Milken  
19 Educator Award winner Ronia Davison and 2009 Oklahoma  
20 Medal of Excellence winner Georgie Chapuis; and  
21 directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, Sadler Arts Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma, is often  
22 recognized as one of the state's top performing schools. Sadler  
23 Arts Academy is a K-8 Arts Magnet School designed to give students  
24 the opportunity to learn through creative instruction, using the

1 arts as a vehicle for motivation and learning. They are open to any  
2 student in grades K-8 in Muskogee Public Schools on a space-  
3 available basis; and

4 WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award was established in 1987 by  
5 the Milken Family Foundation. Each year, some 80 teachers across  
6 the United States receive the award, and their expenses are paid to  
7 attend the National Education Conference. Winners also receive  
8 \$25,000 in prize money; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronia Davison, Sadler Arts Academy third-grade teacher,  
10 was one of 80 teachers nationwide and the only Oklahoma teacher to  
11 be so honored in 2008. Ronia Davison integrates arts, literature,  
12 and technology with core subjects to help students become high  
13 achievers. Davison is the district's lead teacher for third-grade  
14 language and arts curriculum development. She is a faculty member  
15 at the Oklahoma Fall Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain. Ronia  
16 Davison is a National Board Certified teacher and mentors Sadler  
17 teachers who are seeking such certification. Davison earned her  
18 bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in 1996 and a  
19 master's in Reading in 2008, both from Northeastern State  
20 University. She is currently taking courses to earn a master's  
21 degree in School Administration and is part of the Aspiring  
22 Administrators Academy; and

23 WHEREAS, each year the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence honors  
24 five outstanding educators from the state's public schools. Medals

1 for excellence are awarded annually to outstanding Oklahoma teachers  
2 and administrators. University of Oklahoma President David Boren,  
3 who founded and now chairs the nonprofit foundation, said: "We know  
4 that education is the best investment Oklahoma can make in its  
5 future. By honoring these exceptional educators, we are sending a  
6 message that Oklahomans deeply value excellence in public schools  
7 and the professionals who have given so much of themselves to enrich  
8 the lives of our children"; and

9 WHEREAS, Sadler Arts Academy eighth-grade teacher Georgie  
10 Chapuis has won the 2009 Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence in  
11 Elementary Education Medal. She will win \$5,000 in cash and a glass  
12 "Roots and Wings" statue. Georgie Chapuis has taught at Sadler Arts  
13 Academy for 13 years. Each year all of her students pass the  
14 reading and math portions of the Oklahoma Criterion Reference Tests.  
15 Chapuis, a National Board Certified teacher, spent part of the  
16 summer of 2008 traveling in Europe on a Fund for Teachers Grant to  
17 study French Impressionism. The daughter of a teacher and a career  
18 military officer, Chapuis earned degrees in Early Childhood  
19 Education and Library Science.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
21 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the Sadler Arts  
24 Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma, for its creative and constructive use

1 of the arts to educate the community's youth in reading and math to  
2 tie the world together in a comprehensible manner.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends 2008 Milken  
4 Educator Award winner Ronia Davison and 2009 Oklahoma Foundation for  
5 Excellence in Elementary Education Medal winner Georgie Chapuis for  
6 their talent, dedication, and hard work that have not only enriched  
7 their school and community, but brought them individual recognition.

8 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Muskogee School  
9 Superintendent Mike Garde; Sadler Arts Academy Principal Maudye  
10 Winget; 2008 Milken Educator Award winner Ronia Davison; and 2009  
11 Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence in Elementary Education Medal  
12 winner Georgie Chapuis.

13 Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of May, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2009.

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of Representatives