

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 90

By: Johnson (Constance),
Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ellis, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
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

A Resolution welcoming Greg Mortenson; honoring the sponsors of Pennies for Peace – Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program sponsored by the Central Asia Institute (CAI) and designed to broaden students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists – one penny at a time. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage our children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies to benefit fellow students in central Asia; and

WHEREAS, in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. Over

the past 16 years, the nonprofit organization Central Asia Institute has worked to promote peace through education by establishing more than 130 schools – most of them for girls – in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Greg Mortenson, best-selling author of “Three Cups of Tea” and leader of the Central Asia Institute, will be the guest of the University of Oklahoma College of Engineering on April 22, 2010. At 10 AM he will present a free public lecture. In conjunction with Mortenson’s visit to Oklahoma, Pennies for Peace – Oklahoma is encouraging children from Oklahoma schools, faith groups and youth organizations to begin their own Pennies for Peace campaigns to support Mortenson’s work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate welcomes Greg Mortenson to Oklahoma and thanks him for his labors that benefit both donor and recipient alike.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the sponsors of Pennies for Peace – Oklahoma and applauds their efforts in supporting Greg Mortenson’s visit to Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Greg Mortenson of the Central Asia Institute and Pennies for Peace – Oklahoma Co-Chairs, Mary Francis and Brenda Wheelock.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

