

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 18

By: Garrison of the Senate

5 and

6 McPeak of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution praising the Sadler Arts
10 Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma; commending 2008 Milken
11 Educator Award winner Ronia Davison and 2009 Oklahoma
12 Medal of Excellence winner Georgie Chapuis; and
13 directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Sadler Arts Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma, is often
15 recognized as one of the state's top performing schools. Sadler
16 Arts Academy is a K-8 Arts Magnet School designed to give students
17 the opportunity to learn through creative instruction, using the
18 arts as a vehicle for motivation and learning. They are open to any
19 student in grades K-8 in Muskogee Public Schools on a space-
20 available basis; and

21 WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award was established in 1987 by
22 the Milken Family Foundation. Each year, some 80 teachers across
23 the United States receive the award, and their expenses are paid to
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1 attend the National Education Conference. Winners also receive
2 \$25,000 in prize money; and

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

17 WHEREAS, each year the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence honors
18 five outstanding educators from the state's public schools. Medals
19 for excellence are awarded annually to outstanding Oklahoma teachers
20 and administrators. University of Oklahoma President David Boren,
21 who founded and chairs the nonprofit foundation, said: "We know
22 that education is the best investment Oklahoma can make in its
23 future. By honoring these exceptional educators, we are sending a
24 message that Oklahomans deeply value excellence in public schools

1 and the professionals who have given so much of themselves to enrich
2 the lives of our children"; and

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

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
15 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the Sadler Arts
18 Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma, for its creative and constructive use
19 of the arts to educate the community's youth in reading and math to
20 tie the world together in a comprehensible manner.

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

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

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