

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 90

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

18 WHEREAS, in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny
19 can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. Over
20 the past 16 years, the nonprofit organization Central Asia Institute
21 has worked to promote peace through education by establishing more
22 than 130 schools – most of them for girls – in remote regions of
23 Pakistan and Afghanistan; and

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

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

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

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the sponsors of Pennies
15 for Peace - Oklahoma and applauds their efforts in supporting Greg
16 Mortenson's visit to Oklahoma.

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

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