

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: Thomsen, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Billy,  
Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday,  
Casey, Christian, Cockroft, Condit,  
Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney,  
Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Enns, Farley,  
Faught, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall,  
Hamilton, Hardin, Hickman, Hilliard,  
Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson,  
Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key,  
Kirby, Kouplen, Liebmann, Lockhart,  
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),  
McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel  
(Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiell,  
McPeak, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette,  
Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell,  
Nollan, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters,  
Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett,  
Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson,  
Ritze, Roan, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts  
(Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders,  
Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon,  
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate,  
Steele, Stiles, Sullivan, Terrill,  
Tibbs, Trebilcock, Vaughan, Virgin,  
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams  
and Wright of the House

and

Paddack of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Elizabeth  
Smith, the 2011 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year;  
recognizing her service and dedication; and directing  
distribution.

1       WHEREAS, among the most honorable and noble professions is that  
2 of an educator of young people, a profession to which all too few  
3 are called; and

4       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith, a reading teacher at Byng Junior High,  
5 has been chosen as the 2011 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year; and

6       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Richard and Mary  
7 Willis, both of whom were educators, knew from an early age that she  
8 wanted to become a teacher like her parents; and

9       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith, who earned her BA degree in Elementary  
10 Education and masters degree in Administration from East Central  
11 University, will be inducted into the East Central University  
12 Education Hall of Fame in April and has also been named a  
13 Distinguished Alumnus for 2011; and

14       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith is a National Board Certified Teacher  
15 who has taught for seventeen years, three years at Vanoss Public  
16 Schools and the last fourteen years at Byng Public Schools; and

17       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith's simple philosophy of education is  
18 evident in her statement, "All students can learn. Every student  
19 that walks in my room needs to learn. It doesn't matter if they are  
20 below grade level or gifted. Every student has to grow. When I see  
21 that growth in my students, I see success. Teaching goes beyond  
22 content. I have to know my students and see them as more than just  
23 a test score. I have to see them as important individuals who can  
24 make a difference in our future."; and

