

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1009

By: Thomsen of the House

and

Paddack of the Senate

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9                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith, who earned her BA degree in Elementary  
2 Education and masters degree in Administration from East Central  
3 University, will be inducted into the East Central University  
4 Education Hall of Fame in April and has also been named a  
5 Distinguished Alumnus for 2011; and

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

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

17       WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith, for whom teaching is a passion, is  
18 sharing her message and enthusiasm about teaching and student  
19 learning with teachers throughout Oklahoma during the 2010-2011  
20 school year.

21       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
22 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Elizabeth  
2 Smith, 2011 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, and takes great pride in  
3 extending recognition for her outstanding service and dedication to  
4 the children of the State of Oklahoma.

5        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Elizabeth Smith  
6 and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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8 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.