

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 CONCURRENT
6 RESOLUTION NO. 14

By: Schulz, Adelson, Aldridge,
Allen, Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley,
Brown, Burrage, Coates,
Crain, David, Eason
McIntyre, Ellis, Fields,
Ford, Garrison, Halligan,
Holt, Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson (Rob),
Jolley, Justice, Laster,
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,
Myers, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,
Russell, Shortey, Simpson,
Sparks, Stanislawski,
Sykes, Treat, Wilson and
Wyrick of the Senate

and

Ortega of the House

19 A Concurrent Resolution commending Eddie Wilcoxon for
20 his contributions to this state; congratulating Mr.
21 Wilcoxon for his appointment as State Poet Laureate;
22 and directing distribution.

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

1 WHEREAS, the English poet Matthew Arnold said, "Poetry is simply
2 the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying
3 things"; and

4 WHEREAS, poetry is the imaginative treatment of experience
5 through the heightened use of language; and

6 WHEREAS, poetry speaks to the soul, painting a picture with
7 words, inspiring us and making us think about the universe around
8 us; and

9 WHEREAS, the individual who personifies poetry for a society is
10 its poet laureate; and

11 WHEREAS, the office of poet laureate historically has been a
12 position bestowed upon a poet acclaimed as the most eminent in the
13 locality; and

14 WHEREAS, the position of State Poet Laureate was established by
15 the Oklahoma Legislature in 1994; and

16 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poet Laureate Program is designed to honor
17 outstanding Oklahoma poets and promote participation in the literary
18 arts of the state; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2011, Governor Brad Henry appointed Mr. Eddie
20 Wilcoxon to the post of State Poet Laureate for the 2011-2012 term;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcoxon is a distinguished writer of poetry,
23 prose, and non-fiction; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcoxon is a career radio broadcaster with a
2 morning show on KWHW in Altus who is also widely recognized for his
3 landscape design; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Wilcoxon was designated an "Official
5 Olympic Hero" and chosen to carry the Olympic Torch on its historic
6 journey across the United States to Atlanta, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcoxon honors this state, not only with his
8 considerable talent, but also his willingness to sharing his gift of
9 stories and poems with others.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
11 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this
14 state, hereby commends Mr. Eddie Wilcoxon for his valuable
15 contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

16 THAT Mr. Eddie Wilcoxon is hereby congratulated for being
17 designated State Poet Laureate, a post he fills in a manner that
18 brings honor to the state.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Eddie
20 Wilcoxon.

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22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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