

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 14

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

Ortega of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution commending Eddie Wilcoxon for  
11 his contributions to this state; congratulating Mr.  
12 Wilcoxon for his appointment as State Poet Laureate;  
13 and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the English poet Matthew Arnold said, "Poetry is simply  
15 the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying  
16 things"; and

17 WHEREAS, poetry is the imaginative treatment of experience  
18 through the heightened use of language; and

19 WHEREAS, poetry speaks to the soul, painting a picture with  
20 words, inspiring us and making us think about the universe around  
21 us; and

22 WHEREAS, the individual who personifies poetry for a society is  
23 its poet laureate; and  
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1       WHEREAS, the office of poet laureate historically has been a  
2 position bestowed upon a poet acclaimed as the most eminent in the  
3 locality; and

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

6       WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poet Laureate Program is designed to honor  
7 outstanding Oklahoma poets and promote participation in the literary  
8 arts of the state; and

9       WHEREAS, in 2011, Governor Brad Henry appointed Mr. Eddie  
10 Wilcoxon to the post of State Poet Laureate for the 2011-2012 term;  
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12       WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcoxon is a distinguished writer of poetry,  
13 prose, and non-fiction; and

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

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

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

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

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this  
5 state, hereby commends Mr. Eddie Wilcoxon for his valuable  
6 contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

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

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Eddie  
11 Wilcoxon.

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