

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 39

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing David Amram, the 2011
8 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's highest
9 honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement Award;
10 commending his career and many accomplishments;
11 designating and proclaiming him an honorary
12 Oklahoman; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, David Amram continues to enrich Oklahoma and the world
14 with his remarkable work as a composer, conductor, writer, musician
15 and teacher; and

16 WHEREAS, David Amram is one of America's greatest composers, and
17 has authored more than 100 orchestral and chamber music works,
18 written many scores for Broadway theater and film, including the
19 classic scores for the films "Splendor in The Grass" and "The
20 Manchurian Candidate"; two operas, including the groundbreaking
21 Holocaust opera "The Final Ingredient"; and the score for the
22 landmark 1959 documentary "Pull My Daisy," narrated by novelist Jack
23 Kerouac; and

24 WHEREAS, David Amram is a pioneer player of jazz French horn,
virtuoso on piano, numerous flutes and whistles, percussion, and

1 dozens of folklore instruments from 35 countries, as well as an
2 inventive and improvisational lyricist, who has collaborated with
3 many of America's iconic musicians and artists such as Leonard
4 Bernstein, who chose him as The New York Philharmonic's first
5 composer-in-residence in 1966, Langston Hughes, Dizzy Gillespie,
6 Johnny Depp, Lalo Schifrin, Thelonious Monk, Odetta, Elia Kazan,
7 Arthur Miller, Jerry Jeff Walker, Charles Mingus, Lionel Hampton,
8 E.G. Marshall, Tito Puente, Jimmy LaFave, Kris Kristofferson, Dustin
9 Hoffman, Bob Dylan, Steve Goodman, Warren Beatty, Joseph Papp, Neil
10 Young, Arlo Guthrie, Nancy Griffith, Miles Davis, Arturo Sandoval,
11 Stan Getz, Pete Seeger, Steve Allen, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Allen
12 Ginsberg, Nina Simone, Gregory Corso, Hunter Thompson, and Willie
13 Nelson; and

14 WHEREAS, David Amram has performed and collaborated with some of
15 Oklahoma's most noted jazz, blues, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll
16 stars including Oscar Pettiford, Don Byas, Howard McGhee, Leon
17 Russell, Aaron Bell, Cecil McBee, Sam Rivers, Joe Lee Wilson, Frank
18 Wes, Jim Pepper, Chet Baker, Brad Piccolo, John Cooper, Ben Han,
19 Randy Crouch, and Jimmy Karstein; and

20 WHEREAS, David Amram has enriched Oklahoma's cultural life by
21 his performances at the Woody Guthrie Free Festival in Okemah, as
22 well as with his composition "Symphonic Variations on a Song" by
23 Woody Guthrie, which explores and celebrates the music and message
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1 of "This Land Is Your Land," the best-known work of one of
2 Oklahoma's favorite sons; and

3 WHEREAS, David Amram is a 2011 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz
4 Hall of Fame's highest honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement
5 Award; and

6 WHEREAS, David Amram has shown time and again that he not only
7 embodies the most beautiful and noble traits of the people of the
8 state of Oklahoma, including originality, resilience, boundless
9 creativity, and a passionate frontier spirit, but that he also lives
10 a life of warm kinship with the state and its people - especially
11 those who love music.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
13 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the outstanding career
15 and many accomplishments of David Amram.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends David Amram for being
17 the 2011 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's highest
18 honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement Award.

19 THAT the State of Oklahoma hereby designates and proclaims David
20 Amram an honorary Oklahoman, with all the rights and privileges
21 thereof.

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