

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 65

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution affirming support for the flash test and
8 specific gravity test of kerosene as expressed in the
9 Oklahoma Constitution.

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11 WHEREAS, kerosene is a substance vital to our state as evidenced
12 by its mention in the Oklahoma Constitution, and the illicit and
13 unsafe use thereof would undermine the Oklahoma way of life; and

14 WHEREAS, the framers of the Oklahoma Constitution expressed
15 their intent to define the flash test for all kerosene oil for
16 illuminating purposes to be 115 degrees Fahrenheit, and the specific
17 gravity test for all such oil to be 40 degrees Baume, with the
18 enactment of Section 2 of Article XX of the Oklahoma Constitution;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Oklahoma was the first state to define such kerosene
21 tests in its constitution; and

22 WHEREAS, the Baume scale was named after the French pharmacist
23 Antoine Baume, who developed it in 1768 to measure the density of
24 liquids, and the "e" in "Baume" is sometimes but not always

1 | accented. There are actually two Baume scales, one of which
2 | measures the density of liquids heavier than water and the other of
3 | which measures the density of liquids lighter than water; and

4 | WHEREAS, the Fahrenheit scale, named after the physicist Daniel
5 | Gabriel Fahrenheit, has been replaced by the Celsius scale in many
6 | countries; and

7 | WHEREAS, although the scales for measuring the tests relating to
8 | kerosene may take many forms, the tests of kerosene themselves are
9 | immutable and must be upheld in their traditional form as enshrined
10 | in the words of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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

13 | THAT the Oklahoma State Senate reaffirms its support for
14 | measurement of the flash test and the specific gravity test of
15 | kerosene at 115 degrees Fahrenheit and 40 degrees Baume
16 | respectively, as expressed in the provisions of Section 2 of Article
17 | XX of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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