

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 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

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

20 WHEREAS, the English poet Matthew Arnold said, "Poetry is simply
21 the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying
22 things"; and

23 WHEREAS, poetry is the imaginative treatment of experience
24 through the heightened use of language; and

1 WHEREAS, poetry speaks to the soul, painting a picture with
2 words, inspiring us and making us think about the universe around
3 us; and

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

6 WHEREAS, the office of poet laureate historically has been a
7 position bestowed upon a poet acclaimed as the most eminent in the
8 locality; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Poet Laureate Program is designed to honor
12 outstanding Oklahoma poets and promote participation in the literary
13 arts of the state; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this
8 state, hereby commends Mr. Eddie Wilcoxon for his valuable
9 contributions to the State of Oklahoma.

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

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Eddie
14 Wilcoxon.

15 Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of April, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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