

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1041

By: Jordan

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution designating Oklahoma Court Reporting and  
10                   Captioning Week; requesting the Governor to issue a  
11                   proclamation; and directing distribution.

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13                   WHEREAS, for millennia individuals have wanted the spoken word  
14                   translated into text to record history and, to accomplish this task,  
15                   have relied on scribes; and

16                   WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of  
17                   civilization; and

18                   WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the  
19                   literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and,  
20                   since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

21                   WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers  
22                   as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights  
23                   were drafted; and

1       WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted to scribes the task  
2 of recording the Emancipation Proclamation; and

3       WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes  
4 have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and  
5 invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

6       WHEREAS, court reporters are present in the United States  
7 Congress, preserving the words and actions of our United States  
8 Senators and Representatives; and

9       WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the  
10 closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at  
11 sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings,  
12 bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing  
13 Americans every day; and

14       WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken  
15 word into text and preserve our history; and

16       WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court  
17 reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our  
18 nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21       THAT February 16 through 22, 2014, is hereby designated  
22 "Oklahoma Court Reporting and Captioning Week".

23       THAT the Governor is hereby requested to issue a proclamation  
24 calling on the people of the great state of Oklahoma to observe the

1 day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational  
2 activities.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Honorable  
4 Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma.

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