

1 School, has been inducted as one of only five teachers nationwide by
2 the National Teachers Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame annually honors five of the nation's
4 most outstanding teachers who have demonstrated commitment and
5 dedication to teaching America's children. The Hall of Fame
6 recognizes exceptional teachers who motivate other teachers, inspire
7 young adults to consider a career in teaching, and honors those who
8 have positively influenced the lives of their students; and

9 WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison has won numerous teaching awards
10 over the years including the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association
11 Teacher of the Year, the Oklahoma Science and Engineering Fair Hall
12 of Fame, Byng Teacher of the Year, the Jimmie Pigg Memorial
13 Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003, the Oklahoma Foundation of
14 Excellence Award for Secondary Teaching in 2005, and the Shell
15 Science Teaching Award in 2009. She also was a finalist for the
16 2001 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, as well as the Shell Science
17 Teaching Award in 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, she serves as the grant writer and director for the
19 Mathematics and Science partnership program in Pontotoc County, and
20 is active in the National Science Teachers Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison holds a bachelor's degree in
22 biology, a master's degree in education from East Central University
23 and is nationally-certified in adolescent and young adulthood
24 science; and

1 WHEREAS, she served as an adjunct instructor of biology and
2 physical science at ECU for 3.5 years and taught science in the
3 college's Upward Bound programs for 16 years; and

4 WHEREAS, she also shares her passion for science by mentoring
5 other teachers to help them improve their science education
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison has dedicated herself to changing
8 the lives of Oklahoma's young people by instilling in each child a
9 love of learning, a curiosity of life, and respect for others -
10 qualities that are integral in the journey to success; and

11 WHEREAS, by focusing her career on motivating, guiding, and
12 educating the future of the State of Oklahoma, she has made herself
13 an invaluable asset to the families of these young people and the
14 future of Oklahoma education; and has instilled great pride in her
15 family, friends and community.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Deborah
20 Cornelison for being named one of the five teachers from across the
21 nation to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature applauds Deborah Cornelison
23 for her dedication to her students and her many achievements.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Deborah
2 Cornelison.

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