STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 30 By: Paddack of the Senate

and

Thomsen of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Deborah Cornelison for being inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame; applauding her for her dedication to her students; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison, a dedicated teacher in her 24th year of teaching physical science to 9th graders at Byng Junior High School, has been inducted as one of only five teachers nationwide by the National Teachers Hall of Fame; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison has dedicated herself to changing the lives of Oklahoma's young people by instilling in each child a

love of learning, a curiosity of life, and respect for others – qualities that are integral in the journey to success; and

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

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

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

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

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

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