

1 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Mary, moved to Bartlesville from
2 Florida Christian College in 1950 to accept a post at what was then
3 known as Central Christian College; and

4 WHEREAS, while at Oklahoma Christian, Dr. Harold Fletcher has
5 taught philosophy, music history, music literature, and music
6 theory. He has also directed the school's performance groups and
7 has written and directed many of the school's musicals; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Fletcher wrote the school's alma mater, "Hail to
9 Oklahoma Christian"; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Fletcher's "Oklahoma Run" was showcased during the
11 2007 Oklahoma centennial celebration and named the official song of
12 the Oklahoma Land Run by the Oklahoma Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Fletcher has received numerous awards over the
14 years, including one of the university's highest honors, the Gaylord
15 Chair of Distinguished Teaching, in 1978. In 1999, he was inducted
16 into Oklahoma Christian's Master Teacher Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Harold and Mary Helon Fletcher Center for
18 Music was dedicated on the Oklahoma Christian campus. The endowment
19 supports the university and its Department of Music.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
21 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:
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THAT the Oklahoma Legislature honors America's oldest professor,
Dr. Harold Fletcher, for his five decades of service to Oklahoma
Christian University.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature thanks Dr. Fletcher for his many
contributions to higher education in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Harold
Fletcher.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.