

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 24

By: Pittman, Matthews, Halligan
and Holt of the Senate

5 and

6 Young, Shelton and Williams
7 of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution honoring the life and career
11 of Nancy Randolph Davis; mourning her loss; and
12 directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, Nancy Randolph Davis was a native of Sapulpa, daughter
15 to Ed Napoleon and Ernestine Randolph. She graduated from Booker T.
16 Washington High School in 1944. Education and spiritual growth were
17 a priority in the Davis family, as is evident in her pursuit of
18 higher education and work in the Oklahoma Public Education System
19 and her steady attendance at Sapulpa's Mount Olive Baptist Church;
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21 WHEREAS, Nancy obtained her bachelor's degree from Langston
22 University in 1948. She then taught at Dunjee High School. After
23 the 1948 U.S. Supreme Court decision to provide equal education to
24 black students, Nancy was encouraged to apply to Oklahoma State

1 University to work on her master's degree. She was accepted in
2 1949, becoming the first African-American enrollee at OSU. Nancy
3 still faced opposition through segregation in the classroom, but
4 with the help of her fellow classmates she was able to prevail and
5 graduated in 1952 with a master's degree in home economics; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating from OSU, Nancy continued to focus her
7 efforts on education, this time for others. She continued to teach
8 at Dunjee High School until 1968, when she transferred to Star
9 Spencer High School. Nancy dedicated 43 years of her life to the
10 Oklahoma Public Education System. Nancy was also highly involved in
11 the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council, organizing movements to
12 desegregate businesses in Oklahoma. She was an adviser and sponsor
13 of the Miss Black Oklahoma Pageant from its inception in 1968; and

14 WHEREAS, Nancy has been the recipient of many honors for her
15 dedication as an educational pioneer and human rights activist. In
16 1991, Governor David Walters appointed Nancy Randolph Davis as the
17 first lay member of the Oklahoma Nursing Board; in 1999, she was
18 honored as an OSU Distinguished Alumna; in 2008 she was awarded the
19 Oklahoma Human Rights Award; and in 2009 she was awarded the College
20 of Human Sciences Enhancing Human Lives Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Nancy Randolph Davis passed from this life on March,
22 23, 2015, at the age of 88. Nancy was preceded in death by her
23 parents. She is survived by her two children, Nancy Lynn and
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1 Calvin; stepdaughter, Freddye M. Davis; grandchildren, Teklyn and
2 Toren, along with many other family members, friends and loved ones.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the life and
7 accomplishments of Nancy Randolph Davis.

8 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature joins her family and friends in
9 mourning the loss of Nancy Randolph Davis.

10 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to her children,
11 Nancy Lynn Davis, Calvin Orlando Davis, and Freddye Mae Davis.

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