

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 28

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

and

Young, Shelton and Williams  
of the House

AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, Nancy Randolph Davis was a native of Sapulpa, daughter  
to Ed Napoleon and Ernestine Randolph. She graduated from Booker T.  
Washington High School in 1944. Education and spiritual growth were  
a priority in the Davis family, as is evident in her pursuit of  
higher education and work in the Oklahoma Public Education System  
and her steady attendance at Sapulpa's Mount Olive Baptist Church;  
and

WHEREAS, Nancy obtained her bachelor's degree from Langston  
University in 1948. She would then go on to teach at Dunjee High  
School. After the 1948 U.S. Supreme Court decision to provide equal  
education to black students, Nancy was encouraged to apply to

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Nancy has been the recipient of many honors for her  
17 dedication as an educational pioneer and human rights activist. In  
18 1991, Governor David Walters appointed Nancy Randolph Davis as the  
19 first lay member of the Oklahoma Nursing Board; in 1999, she was  
20 honored as an Oklahoma State University Distinguished Alumna; in  
21 2008 she was awarded the Oklahoma Human Rights Award; and in 2009  
22 she was awarded the College of Human Sciences Enhancing Human Lives  
23 Award; and  
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1           WHEREAS, Nancy Randolph Davis passed from this life on March,  
2 23, 2015, at the age of 88. Nancy was preceded in death by her  
3 parents. She is survived by her two children, Nancy Lynn and  
4 Calvin; stepdaughter, Freddye M. Davis; grandchildren, Teklyn and  
5 Toren, along with many other family members, friends and loved ones.

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
7 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9           THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the life and  
10 accomplishments of Nancy Randolph Davis.

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

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

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