

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 29

By: Paddack of the Senate

and

Thomsen of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Deborah Cornelison for being named the 2013 Teacher of the Year; applauding her for her dedication to her students and her many achievements; 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

1 WHEREAS, Deborah Cornelison has won numerous teaching awards
2 over the years including the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association
3 Teacher of the Year, the Oklahoma Science and Engineering Fair Hall
4 of Fame, Byng Teacher of the Year, the Jimmie Pigg Memorial
5 Outstanding Teacher Award in 2003, the Oklahoma Foundation of
6 Excellence Award for Secondary Teaching in 2005, and the Shell
7 Science Teaching Award in 2009. She also was a finalist for the
8 2001 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, as well as the Shell Science
9 Teaching Award in 2008; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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