

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 49

By: Standridge

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Shawn Sheehan for being named the 2016 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and a finalist for National Teacher of the Year; commending his dedication to Oklahoma's youth; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Shawn Sheehan has taught at Norman High School for five years as a specialized education algebra teacher; and

WHEREAS, he is admired for his passion in the classroom and his commitment to his students; and

WHEREAS, Sheehan uses a "flipped classroom" teaching style allowing students to engage in video segments while at home, and participate in discussion about the segments when returning to the classroom; and

WHEREAS, while participating in the Oklahoma State Department of Education's (OSDE) OKMath and OKSci Leadership program in 2013, he started "Teach Like Me", a multimedia campaign to boost public perceptions of teaching, recruit others into the field and improve morale among educators; and

1 WHEREAS, Sheehan is highly respected by students, his fellow
2 teachers and administrators; and his work has made a significant
3 impact on Norman High School as well as others; and

4 WHEREAS, his outstanding dedication and contributions to
5 education in Oklahoma were recognized when he was named the 2016
6 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and went on to become one of four
7 finalist for National Teacher of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, since being named Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, Sheehan
9 has traveled the state speaking with future educators about the
10 profession.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
12 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Shawn Sheehan for being
14 named the 2016 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and being a finalist for
15 National Teacher of the Year.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends his dedication to
17 Oklahoma's youth.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the 2016
19 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year and National Teacher of the Year
20 finalist, Shawn Sheehan.

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