

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Pemberton, Floyd, Pittman,  
Rader, Quinn, Bass, Allen,  
Bergstrom, Bice, Boggs,  
Brecheen, Brown, Dahm,  
Daniels, David, Dossett,  
Dugger, Fields, Fry,  
Griffin, Holt, Jech, Kidd,  
Leewright, Loveless,  
Marlatt, Matthews,  
McCortney, Newberry,  
Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,  
Pugh, Schulz, Scott, Sharp,  
Shaw, Silk, Simpson,  
Smalley, Sparks,  
Standridge, Stanislawski,  
Sykes, Thompson, Treat and  
Yen of the Senate

and

Dunnington, Young, Proctor,  
Gann, Faught, Frix and  
Montgomery of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma Schools  
of Character Day; commending Oklahoma schools; and  
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, six schools were designated as Oklahoma Schools of  
Character in 2017, including Dove Science Academy Secondary School  
in Oklahoma City, Dove Charter Elementary in Oklahoma City, Dove  
Science Academy Secondary in Tulsa, Lawton Eisenhower High School,  
Pryor Jr. High and Whittier Elementary in Muskogee; and

1       WHEREAS, there is no set number of schools to be designated each  
2 year; and

3       WHEREAS, in 2011, Muskogee High School was the only school  
4 designated and became the first State and National School of  
5 Character in Oklahoma under the guidance of then high school  
6 principal, Dewayne Pemberton; and

7       WHEREAS, Oklahoma's six schools in 2017 are among 80 designated  
8 schools nationwide representing 27 different states; and

9       WHEREAS, Oklahoma has the 5th largest number of designated  
10 Schools of Character among the 27 states; and

11       WHEREAS, schools are named based on their adherence to the  
12 standards set forth in 11 Principles of Effective Character  
13 Education, which is a research-based set of criteria used to  
14 evaluate the total culture of the school community; and

15       WHEREAS, Schools of Character are named each May by the national  
16 organization, Character.org and Oklahoma's state affiliate non-  
17 profit, OKcharacter.org.

18       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
19 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes Monday, April 10, 2017,  
22 as Oklahoma Schools of Character Day in Oklahoma.

23       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Dove Science Academy  
24 Secondary School in Oklahoma City, Dove Charter Elementary in

Oklahoma City, Dove Science Academy Secondary in Tulsa, Lawton  
Eisenhower High School, Pryor Jr. High and Whittier Elementary in  
Muskogee for being named 2017 Oklahoma Schools of Character.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sheril Morgan,  
Director of Schools of Character for Character.org; Madison  
Tomlinson, State Coordinator of Schools of Character for  
OKcharacter.org; Oklahoma City Dove Science Academy Dean of  
Discipline, Jason Mack; Oklahoma City Dove Charter Elementary  
Counselor, Carmen Floris; Tulsa Dove Science Academy Principal,  
Abidin Erez; Lawton Eisenhower High School Principal, Charlotte  
Oates; Pryor Jr. High Principal, Terry Gwartney; and Whittier  
Elementary Principal, Lisa Rogers.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of April, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives