

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   CONCURRENT  
6   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

14                               and

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

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

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22               WHEREAS, six schools were designated as Oklahoma Schools of  
23               Character in 2017, including Dove Science Academy Secondary School  
24               in Oklahoma City, Dove Charter Elementary in Oklahoma City, Dove

1 Science Academy Secondary in Tulsa, Lawton Eisenhower High School,  
2 Pryor Jr. High and Whittier Elementary in Muskogee; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Dove Science Academy  
2 Secondary School in Oklahoma City, Dove Charter Elementary in  
3 Oklahoma City, Dove Science Academy Secondary in Tulsa, Lawton  
4 Eisenhower High School, Pryor Jr. High and Whittier Elementary in  
5 Muskogee for being named 2017 Oklahoma Schools of Character.

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

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