

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 8

By: Pemberton, Floyd, Pittman,
5 Rader, Quinn and Bass of
6 the Senate

and

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

10 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, in 2011, Muskogee High School was the only school
23 designated and became the first State and National School of
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1 Character in Oklahoma under the guidance of then high school
2 principal, Dewayne Pemberton; and

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

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

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

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

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
15 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

19 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Dove Science Academy
20 Secondary School in Oklahoma City, Dove Charter Elementary in
21 Oklahoma City, Dove Science Academy Secondary in Tulsa, Lawton
22 Eisenhower High School, Pryor Jr. High and Whittier Elementary in
23 Muskogee for being named 2017 Oklahoma Schools of Character.

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

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