

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1014

By: Wright and Russ of the
House

and

Jech and Howard of the
Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing and commending
Dr. Henrietta Mann for her distinguished career and
for her work to preserve American Indian culture; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Henrietta Mann, renowned scholar and academic
leader, who has championed the preservation of American Indian
culture, traditions and language, is a member of the Cheyenne Tribe
and grew up in Hammon, Oklahoma, where she decided at an early age
to pursue an education; and

WHEREAS, despite the hardships of the times, she achieved her
goal, graduating from Hammon High School in 1951, earning a Bachelor
of Arts Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, a

1 Master's Degree from Oklahoma State University and a Doctorate in
2 American Studies from the University of New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mann was the first Cheyenne woman to graduate from
4 college and went on to have a distinguished academic career,
5 teaching Native American Studies throughout the country, holding
6 positions at the University of California, Harvard, the University
7 of Montana, and Montana State University; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Mann was an early leader in promoting Native
9 American Studies and stressing the importance of preserving the
10 cultures of American Indian Tribes and accordingly has received many
11 awards and accolades for her work, including being elected to the
12 National Academy of Education in 2016, being named one of 50 Unsung
13 Heroes/50 States by Money Magazine in 2014, being presented with the
14 first Lifetime Achievement Award of the Native American Student
15 Advocacy Institute in 2013, and being named one of the country's top
16 ten professors by Rolling Stone Magazine in 1991; and

17 WHEREAS, a strong advocate for providing sound educational
18 opportunities for native youth, Dr. Mann was a founding member of
19 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College that was located on the
20 campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford; and

21 WHEREAS, since the closure of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal
22 College in 2015, Dr. Mann has devoted her time to furthering the
23 goal of completing the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in
24 Oklahoma City, recently renamed the First Americans Museum, to

1 provide a place for all to share the history and cultures of
2 American Indian Tribes; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Mann was once quoted as saying, "Cheyennes believe
4 we are each put on Earth for a purpose. I am fulfilling that
5 purpose."; and

6 WHEREAS, there can be no doubt that Dr. Mann has fulfilled her
7 purpose admirably and with distinction and is a gift to the State of
8 Oklahoma.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT Dr. Henrietta Mann is hereby recognized and commended for
13 her distinguished career in teaching Native American Studies,
14 furthering the educational opportunities for members of American
15 Indian Tribes, and being a strong advocate for the preservation of
16 American Indian culture.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Henrietta
18 Mann.

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