

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1011

By: Lepak and Provenzano

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9           A Resolution recognizing Dr. Keith Ballard's service  
10          and commitment to public education in Oklahoma; and  
11          directing distribution.

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14          WHEREAS, Dr. Keith Ballard worked in public education for five  
15          decades, including his positions as the Superintendent of Tulsa  
16          Public Schools, Claremore Public Schools and Oologah-Talala Public  
17          Schools, and Executive Director of the Oklahoma State School Boards  
18          Association (OSSBA); and

19          WHEREAS, he continues to work in education as a professor at the  
20          University of Oklahoma-Tulsa and serves as the George Kaiser Family  
21          Foundation Chair in Leadership; and

22          WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard is admired by educators across the state  
23          for his role as a mentor and colleague who worked with a positive  
24          attitude and put students first; and

1       WHEREAS, he placed emphasis on the value of public schools  
2 within communities; and

3       WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard considered it a necessity that all students  
4 be successful in the classroom and that they are persistent in the  
5 continuation of their studies; and

6       WHEREAS, through his time as the Executive Director for OSSBA,  
7 Dr. Ballard encouraged meaningful community work and empowered  
8 thousands of administrators and school board members; and

9       WHEREAS, school and community service, leadership and concerns  
10 of students were of utmost importance to Dr. Ballard. The emphasis  
11 on these areas confirms Dr. Ballard's view that public schools are  
12 the foundation of democracy in our nation; and

13       WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard's service to Oklahoma public education is  
14 appreciated and unmatched, having provided countless opportunities  
15 to students in Oklahoma; and

16       WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard has built and maintained impactful  
17 relationships with many former students, teachers and  
18 administrators.

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives thanks Dr. Keith  
22 Ballard for his service to public education and for setting an  
23 example for educators in our state.

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1        THAT a copy of this resolution is to be sent to Dr. Keith  
2 Ballard.

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4 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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