

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1011

By: Lepak and Provenzano

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard is admired by educators across the state for his role as a mentor and colleague who worked with a positive 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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