

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 10

By: Quinn

AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, Dr. 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 works with a positive attitude and puts students first; and

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

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

4 WHEREAS, through his time as the executive director for OSSBA,
5 Dr. Ballard encouraged meaningful community work and empowered
6 thousands of administrators and school board members; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard's service to Oklahoma public education is
12 appreciated and unmatched - having provided countless opportunities
13 to students in Oklahoma.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
15 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Dr. Keith Ballard for his
17 service to public education, and for setting an example for
18 educators in our state.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Keith
20 Ballard.

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