

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4   SENATE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 25

                              By: Dahm of the Senate

  and

  Echols of the House

11                               AS INTRODUCED

12           A Concurrent Resolution declaring 2024 as the Year of  
13           the Bible in Oklahoma; recognizing the unique  
14           contribution the Bible has made in shaping the United  
15           States; acknowledging that biblical teachings  
16           inspired concepts contained in the Declaration of  
17           Independence and the Constitution of the United  
18           States; recognizing that many presidents paid tribute  
19           to the influence of the Bible; and stating that a  
20           renewal of knowledge and faith in God through  
21           scripture can strengthen the state.

22           WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan declared 1983 the Year of the  
23           Bible; and

24           WHEREAS, the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique  
          contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and  
          blessed nation and people; and

1       WHEREAS, deeply held religious convictions springing from the  
2 Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

3       WHEREAS, Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil  
4 government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and  
5 the Constitution of the United States; and

6       WHEREAS, many of our great national leaders, among them  
7 Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, have paid  
8 tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's  
9 development, and in the words of President Jackson, the Bible is  
10 "the rock on which our Republic rests"; and

11       WHEREAS, the history of our nation clearly illustrates the value  
12 of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Holy Scriptures in the  
13 lives of individuals, families, and societies; and

14       WHEREAS, this state and nation now face great challenges that  
15 will test us as we have never been tested before; and

16       WHEREAS, renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through the  
17 Holy Scriptures can strengthen us as a state, a nation, and a  
18 people.

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
20 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the  
23 Governor, Executive branch, and all subdivisions of this state to  
24 designate 2024 as the Year of the Bible in the State of Oklahoma in

1 recognition of the formative influence the Bible has been for our  
2 state, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the  
3 Holy Scriptures.

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