Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1041 By: Jordan

A Resolution designating Oklahoma Court Reporting and Captioning Week; requesting the Governor to issue a proclamation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, for millennia individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and, to accomplish this task, have relied on scribes; and

WHEREAS, the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization; and

WHEREAS, in ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and, since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history; and

WHEREAS, scribes were present with our nation's founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights were drafted; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln entrusted to scribes the task of recording the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as court reporters and have played a permanent and invaluable role in courtrooms across our country; and

WHEREAS, court reporters are present in the United States Congress, preserving the words and actions of our United States Senators and Representatives; and

WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, at sporting stadiums, and in other community and educational settings,

bringing information to millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans every day; and

WHEREAS, court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

WHEREAS, whether called the scribes of yesterday or the court reporters and captioners of today, the individuals who preserve our nation's history are truly the guardians of the record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT February 16 through 22, 2014, is hereby designated "Oklahoma Court Reporting and Captioning Week".

THAT the Governor is hereby requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the Great State of Oklahoma to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and educational activities.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 19th day of February, 2014.

Mike Jackson

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 20th day of February, 20 14, at 9:43 o'clock A. M.

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