Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 11

By: Brown of the Senate

and

Sears of the House

A Concurrent Resolution supporting undergraduate research and creative scholarly activities at universities in Oklahoma; declaring Oklahoma Research Day in the state; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, many students and faculty at colleges and universities throughout Oklahoma pursue undergraduate research and creative scholarly activities each year in all disciplines; and

WHEREAS, undergraduate research promotes critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, self-confidence and intellectual independence; and

WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with faculty have higher retention and graduation rates, and ninety percent of those graduates stay in the State of Oklahoma, expressively supporting the Complete College America initiative; and

WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with faculty increase their employability and the post-graduate well-being of themselves, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the ability to graduate and retain a workforce able to think critically and creatively plays an essential role in helping to meet the challenges and capitalize on opportunities, ensuring continued growth and a brighter future for Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE),

the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Oklahoma Regional Universities have sponsored Research Day for the past 15 years, involving thousands of faculty and students from across our state, with this year being hosted by Northeastern State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports and encourages undergraduate scholarly activities at universities in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby designates March 13, 2015, as Oklahoma Research Day in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of Northeastern State University and the members of the Boards of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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By: C. Berge