Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 18

By: Halligan, Adelson, Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, David, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Rob), Jolley, Justice, Laster, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Shortey, Simpson, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Williams, Denney, Casey, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Christian, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Enns, Farley, Faught, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kirby, Kouplen, Liebmann, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel

(Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Steele, Stiles, Sullivan, Terrill, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, and Wright of the House

A Concurrent Resolution commending Renae Perry for her accomplishments and being named the state winner of the Poetry Out Loud competition; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the English poet Matthew Arnold said, "Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive and widely effective mode of saying things"; and

WHEREAS, poetry is the imaginative treatment of experience through the heightened use of the language; and

WHEREAS, poetry speaks to the soul, painting a picture with words, inspiring us and making us think about the universe around us; and

WHEREAS, Renae Perry of Stillwater High School competed against 3,775 other Oklahoma students from 24 schools to win the state Poetry Out Loud competition, a competition which challenges high school students to memorize and recite poetry; and

WHEREAS, Renae will compete in the national competition April 27 through 29 in Washington, D.C. and perform "Filling Station" by American modernist poet Elizabeth Bishop, "To Augum" by English romantic poet John Keats and "At the Vietnam Memorial" by contemporary American poet George Bilgere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the citizens of this state, congratulate Renae Perry for winning the state Poetry Out Loud competition.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports Renae in her efforts to win the national Poetry Out Loud competition.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Renae Perry.

Adopted by the Senate the 11th day of May, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

18th **day of** May, **20** 11,

at 1:02 **o'clock** P **M.**

By: V. Glenn Coffee