Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 39

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

A Resolution recognizing David Amram, the 2011 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's highest honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement Award; commending his career and many accomplishments; and designating and proclaiming him an honorary Oklahoman.

WHEREAS, David Amram continues to enrich Oklahoma and the world with his remarkable work as a composer, conductor, writer, musician and teacher; and

WHEREAS, David Amram is one of America's greatest composers, and has authored more than 100 orchestral and chamber music works, written many scores for Broadway theater and film, including the

classic scores for the films "Splendor in The Grass" and "The Manchurian Candidate"; two operas, including the groundbreaking Holocaust opera "The Final Ingredient"; and the score for the landmark 1959 documentary "Pull My Daisy," narrated by novelist Jack Kerouac; and

WHEREAS, David Amram is a pioneer player of jazz French horn, virtuoso on piano, numerous flutes and whistles, percussion, and dozens of folklore instruments from 35 countries, as well as an inventive and improvisational lyricist, who has collaborated with many of America's iconic musicians and artists such as Leonard Bernstein, who chose him as The New York Philharmonic's first composer-in-residence in 1966, Langston Hughes, Dizzy Gillespie, Johnny Depp, Lalo Schifrin, Thelonious Monk, Odetta, Elia Kazan, Arthur Miller, Jerry Jeff Walker, Charles Mingus, Lionel Hampton, E.G. Marshall, Tito Puente, Jimmy LaFave, Kris Kristofferson, Dustin Hoffman, Bob Dylan, Steve Goodman, Warren Beatty, Joseph Papp, Neil Young, Arlo Guthrie, Nancy Griffith, Miles Davis, Arturo Sandoval, Stan Getz, Pete Seeger, Steve Allen, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Allen Ginsberg, Nina Simone, Gregory Corso, Hunter Thompson, and Willie Nelson; and

WHEREAS, David Amram has performed and collaborated with some of Oklahoma's most noted jazz, blues, rhythm & blues, and rock & roll stars including Oscar Pettiford, Don Byas, Howard McGhee, Leon Russell, Aaron Bell, Cecil McBee, Sam Rivers, Joe Lee Wilson, Frank Wes, Jim Pepper, Chet Baker, Brad Piccolo, John Cooper, Ben Han, Randy Crouch, and Jimmy Karstein; and

WHEREAS, David Amram has enriched Oklahoma's cultural life by his performances at the Woody Guthrie Free Festival in Okemah, as well as with his composition "Symphonic Variations on a Song" by Woody Guthrie, which explores and celebrates the music and message of "This Land Is Your Land," the best-known work of one of Oklahoma's favorite sons; and

WHEREAS, David Amram is a 2011 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's highest honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, David Amram has shown time and again that he not only embodies the most beautiful and noble traits of the people of the

state of Oklahoma, including originality, resilience, boundless creativity, and a passionate frontier spirit, but that he also lives a life of warm kinship with the state and its people - especially those who love music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the outstanding career and many accomplishments of David Amram.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends David Amram for being the 2011 recipient of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame's highest honor, the Jay McShann Lifetime Achievement Award.

THAT the State of Oklahoma hereby designates and proclaims David Amram an honorary Oklahoman, with all the rights and privileges thereof.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of March, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

8th **day of** March, **20** 12,

at 12:35 **o'clock** P **M.**

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