Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1043 By: Coody and Armes

A Resolution congratulating Eisenhower High School, Lawton Public School District, on being recognized as the National Math and Science Initiative School of the Year; recognizing the positive impact of the National Math and Science Initiative in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 2011, with funding from Northrop Grumman, the National Math and Science Initiative was launched in Oklahoma at Eisenhower High School in the Lawton School District and at Carl Albert High School in the Mid-Del School District; and

WHEREAS, with additional funding from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Department of Defense Education Activity Fund, and the Boeing Company, the National Math and Science Initiative was expanded to a total of nine Oklahoma schools; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the National Math and Science Initiative is to dramatically increase college readiness for students, especially students from military families, by establishing the National Math and Science Comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) Program in high schools; and

WHEREAS, the National Math and Science Initiative provides a maximum positive impact of increasing college readiness, decreasing remediation and associated costs, increasing STEM graduates and preparing a workforce that will improve the economy of Oklahoma, all at a minimum cost; and

WHEREAS, after the National Math and Science Initiative was launched at Eisenhower High School, three teachers trained in Advanced Placement came out of retirement to assist with the program; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of the program, Eisenhower High School exceeded expectations by meeting the third-year AP exam qualifying score goals during that first year; and

WHEREAS, for the 2012-2013 school year, Eisenhower High School was selected as the National Math and Science Initiative "School of the Year" for the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, also during the 2012-2013 school year, Eisenhower High School had the National Math and Science Initiative "Teacher of the Year" and had the highest number of students achieving an AP exam qualifying score in the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition and most impressively, Eisenhower High School had the highest number of minority students achieving an AP exam qualifying score in the nation during the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, the National Math and Science Initiative is a transformational program that changes the course of students' lives by changing what they believe is possible and implementing the Initiative has created excitement and altered the course of STEM education in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the National Math and Science Initiative at Eisenhower High School has transformed the culture of the school as demonstrated by the exceptional performance of the school and students in the National Math and Science Comprehensive AP Program.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby congratulates Eisenhower High School in the Lawton School District on being recognized as the National Math and Science Initiative "School of the Year" for the 2012-2013 school year, and commends the exceptional performance of Eisenhower High School in the National Math and Science Comprehensive AP Program.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the positive impact the National Math and Science Initiative has made and will continue to make in education in Oklahoma schools which will also have a long-term positive impact on the workforce and economy of the state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Superintendent of the Lawton School District, the Principal of Eisenhower High School and Nathan Slate, Site Manager for Northrop Grumman in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th 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 26th day of February, 20 14, at 2:11 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Benge