Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 17

By: Treat, Alvord, Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett, Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge, Stanley, Stephens, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson (Roger), Weaver, and Woods

A Resolution commemorating May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month; and honoring the contributions of the Jewish people to the United States of America and the State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, Jewish settlers began coming to Oklahoma and Indian Territories as early as 1875 and took part in the Land Run of 1889. In 1890, the first Jewish congregation formed in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The estimated Jewish population of Oklahoma Territory in 1890 was 100, but by statehood, it was about 1,000, peaking at more than 7,500 in the late 1920s; and

WHEREAS, early Jewish settlers primarily became merchants or turned their scrap metal businesses into pipe and supply and oil businesses. Most Oklahoma towns during the territorial and early

statehood days had Jewish business owners, including merchants, newspaper owners, and service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish community has helped define the character and values of Oklahoma and the United States through core Jewish beliefs, such as the creation of man in the image of God, the infinite value of every human life, and the importance of education in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the President of the United States has declared the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate commemorates May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month and honors the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States of America and the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 9th day of May, 20 23, at 9:59 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman