

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 11

By: Brown of the Senate

5 and

6 Sears of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with
20 faculty have higher retention and graduation rates, and ninety
21 percent of those graduates stay in the State of Oklahoma,
22 expressively supporting the Complete College America initiative; and
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1 WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with
2 faculty increase their employability and the post-graduate well-
3 being of themselves, their families, and their communities; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the
9 Oklahoma IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE),
10 the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Oklahoma Regional
11 Universities have sponsored Research Day for the past 15 years,
12 involving thousands of faculty and students from across our state,
13 with this year being hosted by Northeastern State University.

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

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

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

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

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