

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 11

By: Brown of the Senate

and

Sears of the House

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

10 WHEREAS, many students and faculty at colleges and universities  
11 throughout Oklahoma pursue undergraduate research and creative  
12 scholarly activities each year in all disciplines; and

13 WHEREAS, undergraduate research promotes critical thinking,  
14 creativity, problem-solving, self-confidence and intellectual  
15 independence; and

16 WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with  
17 faculty have higher retention and graduation rates, and ninety  
18 percent of those graduates stay in the State of Oklahoma,  
19 expressively supporting the Complete College America initiative; and

20 WHEREAS, students who participate in undergraduate research with  
21 faculty increase their employability and the post-graduate well-  
22 being of themselves, their families, and their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, the ability to graduate and retain a workforce able to  
24 think critically and creatively plays an essential role in helping

1 to meet the challenges and capitalize on opportunities, ensuring  
2 continued growth and a brighter future for Oklahoma; and

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

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
10 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports and encourages  
13 undergraduate scholarly activities at universities in Oklahoma.

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

16 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President  
17 of Northeastern State University and the members of the Boards of  
18 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Regents of  
19 the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

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1 Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2015.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2015.

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10 of Representatives