

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                           1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE  
5 CONCURRENT  
6 RESOLUTION NO. 11

By: Brown of the Senate  
  
and  
  
Sears of the House

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

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

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

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

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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