

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1011

By: Lepak, Provenzano, Bush,
Nollan, Ranson, Dills,
Lawson, Manger, May,
Brewer, Nichols and Wallace

A Resolution recognizing Dr. Keith Ballard's service and commitment to public education in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Keith Ballard worked in public education for five decades, including his positions as the Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools, Claremore Public Schools and Oologah-Talala Public Schools, and Executive Director of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA); and

WHEREAS, he continues to work in education as a professor at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa and serves as the George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair in Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard is admired by educators across the state for his role as a mentor and colleague who worked with a positive attitude and put students first; and

WHEREAS, he placed emphasis on the value of public schools within communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard considered it a necessity that all students be successful in the classroom and that they are persistent in the continuation of their studies; and

WHEREAS, through his time as the Executive Director for OSSBA, Dr. Ballard encouraged meaningful community work and empowered thousands of administrators and school board members; and

WHEREAS, school and community service, leadership and concerns of students were of utmost importance to Dr. Ballard. The emphasis on these areas confirms Dr. Ballard's view that public schools are the foundation of democracy in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard's service to Oklahoma public education is appreciated and unmatched, having provided countless opportunities to students in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ballard has built and maintained impactful relationships with many former students, teachers and administrators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives thanks Dr. Keith Ballard for his service to public education and for setting an example for educators in our state.

THAT a copy of this resolution is to be sent to Dr. Keith Ballard.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

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By: _____