1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
5	RESOLUTION NO. 15 By: Stephens, Alvord,
6	Bergstrom, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, Dossett,
7	Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Gollihare, Green, Hall,
8	Hamilton, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd, Kirt, Matthews, McCortney,
10	Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,
11	Pemberton, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Rogers, Rosino, Seifried, Standridge,
12	Stanley, Standinge, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson (Kristen), Thompson
13	(Roger), Treat, Weaver, Woods, and Young of the
14	Senate
15	and
16	McDugle, Bashore, and Stark of the House
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19	A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the history and tourism behind the Golden Driller; recognizing
20	contributions of Oklahoma's oil and gas industry; recognizing role of John Franklin Stephens Jr.; and
21	directing distribution.
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23	WHEREAS, the first International Petroleum Exposition and
24	Congress was held in Tulsa. Oklahoma. in 1923: and

1 WHEREAS, the International Petroleum Exposition (IPE) continued to be held in Tulsa to educate workers and the public and serve as a marketplace for new equipment; and WHEREAS, at the 1953 IPE, the first "Golden Driller" was put on display by the Mid-Continent Supply Company. The Texas company returned in 1959 with a second temporary driller statue; and WHEREAS, in 1966, the Golden Driller was permanently installed, and the IPE had the largest attendance in the event's history; and WHEREAS, with an arm resting on an oil derrick and standing at 76 feet and weighing 43,500 pounds, the towering Golden Driller statue became a Tulsa landmark and was named the state monument in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Driller was modeled after Sapulpa resident John Franklin Stephens Jr., who was 29 at the time and served as the superintendent of the Golden Driller Project; and

WHEREAS, the Driller was dedicated to the men of the petroleum industry and serves as a reminder of Oklahoma's rich history in the oil and gas industry.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the history and tourism behind the state monument, the Golden Driller.

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1	THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the contributions
2	of the oil and gas industry to the state's economy and history.
3	THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the role of John
4	Franklin Stephens Jr. in the design and construction of the Golden
5	Driller.
6	THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Tulsa
7	Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, Tulsa Expo Square, and
8	The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma.
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10	DIRECT TO CALENDAR.
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