

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 25

By: Dahm, Stephens, Jett,
Bullard, Pederson, Rosino,
3 Burns, Standridge,
4 Bergstrom, and Garvin of
the Senate

5 and

6 Echols of the House
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10 A Concurrent Resolution declaring 2024 as the Year of
the Bible in Oklahoma; recognizing the unique
11 contribution the Bible has made in shaping the United
States; acknowledging that biblical teachings
12 inspired concepts contained in the Declaration of
Independence and the Constitution of the United
13 States; recognizing that many presidents paid tribute
to the influence of the Bible; and stating that a
14 renewal of knowledge and faith in God through
scripture can strengthen the state.
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18 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan declared 1983 the Year of the
19 Bible; and

20 WHEREAS, the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique
21 contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and
22 blessed nation and people; and

23 WHEREAS, deeply held religious convictions springing from the
24 Holy Scriptures led to the early settlement of our nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Biblical teachings inspired concepts of civil
2 government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and
3 the Constitution of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, many of our great national leaders, among them
5 Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson, have paid
6 tribute to the surpassing influence of the Bible in our country's
7 development, and in the words of President Jackson, the Bible is
8 "the rock on which our Republic rests"; and

9 WHEREAS, the history of our nation clearly illustrates the value
10 of voluntarily applying the teachings of the Holy Scriptures in the
11 lives of individuals, families, and societies; and

12 WHEREAS, this state and nation now face great challenges that
13 will test us as we have never been tested before; and

14 WHEREAS, renewing our knowledge of and faith in God through the
15 Holy Scriptures can strengthen us as a state, a nation, and a
16 people.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
18 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the
21 Governor, Executive branch, and all subdivisions of this state to
22 designate 2024 as the Year of the Bible in the State of Oklahoma in
23 recognition of the formative influence the Bible has been for our
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1 state, and our national need to study and apply the teachings of the
2 Holy Scriptures.

3 Adopted by the Senate the 30th day of May, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

8 2024.

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