THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

"Citation of Appreciation"

Whereas, *the Office Educational Quality and Accountability's Education Leadership Oklahoma (ELO) was created and funded by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1997 for the express purpose of providing support for teachers who are participating in the National Board Certification process; and*

Whereas, *National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession and is a teacher-driven voluntary process, established by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and*

Whereas, *Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance based assessment that takes one to three years to complete and measures what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do; and*

Whereas, *Oklahoma ranks 11th in the total number of teachers (3,109) who achieved certification over time; and*

Whereas, *Oklahoma NBCTs make up 7.26 percent of the state's teaching force and nearly 70 percent of the state's NBCTs teach in Title I eligible schools; and*

Whereas, *this a most appropriate time for the Senate of the State of Oklahoma to express appreciation to National Board Certified Teachers for their hard work and dedication to the teaching profession.*

Now therefore, pursuant to the motion of

President Pro Tempore Brian Bingman
and Senator John Sparks

the Great State of Oklahoma extends to

National Board Certified Teachers in the State of Oklahoma

sincere appreciation and [illegible] this citation be presented.

Brian Bingman
President Pro Tempore

John Sparks
Senator – District 16