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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS
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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE
SENATE SESSION GS-13
21 April, 2013

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 890408
SENATE BILL NO. GS13-26

AS INTRODUCED
A concurring resolution endorsing the efforts of the organization ‘49th is Not OK’;
and providing for distribution.

Whereas: The National Education Association ranks Oklahoma 49th in the nation in terms of
expenditure per student; and

Whereas: From FY 2009 to FY 2013 state public school funding has declined by $221 million while
enrollment has increased by 24,429 students; and

Whereas: Oklahoma educators are forced to teach with the bare minimum of funding causing a
shortage of teachers and larger class sizes; and

Whereas: The organization ‘49th is Not OK’ is a non-profit, non-partisan group of concerned parents
and teachers advocating for higher common education state funding; and

Whereas: ‘49th is Not OK’s goal is to get more funding into Oklahoma Public Schools as well as state
reforms such as the ‘Reading Sufficiency Act’, ‘End of Instruction Exams’, ‘Oklahoma
Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System’, ‘Achieving Classroom Excellence
(ACE) Act’; and

Whereas: They hope to accomplish these goals by informing concerned citizens about the current lack
of funding and educate them on how to contact their legislators to take action to restore
funding to pre-recession levels.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS WITH THE GRADUATE STUDENT
SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
Section 1: The University of Oklahoma student body endorses the continuing efforts of ‘49th is Not OK’ in their quest to advocate for higher Oklahoma common education state funding to provide superior and more stable learning conditions for Oklahoma Public Schools K-12.

Section 2: Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma
TW Shannon, Speaker of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives
Brian Bingman, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate
John Ford, Oklahoma State Senator
Clark Jolley, Oklahoma State Senator
John Sparks, Oklahoma State Senator
Emily Virgin, Oklahoma State Representative
Harold Wright, Oklahoma State Representative
Scott Martin, Oklahoma State Representative
Lisa Billy, Oklahoma State Representative
David Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma
Clarke Stroud, Vice President of Student Affairs, University of Oklahoma
Janet Barresi, Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Joseph Siano, Superintendent, Norman Public Schools
Karl Springer, Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools
Keith Ballard, Superintendent, Tulsa Public Schools
Marlow Sipes, 49th is Not OK
Dawn Faulkner, 49th is Not OK
Jennifer Fultz, 49th is Not OK
The Oklahoma Daily
The Tulsa World
The Norman Transcript
The Oklahoman

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Tonya Kiper, Vice Chair of Student Congress
John Montgomery, Secretary of Student Congress
Race Clark, Vice Chair of Graduate Student Senate

Submitted on a Motion by: Representative Harris, second by Representative Roth

Action taken by the Undergraduate Student Congress: Approved by Consent

Verified by Chair: [Signature] Date: 22 Apr. 13

Submitted on a Motion by: Senator Bamper, second by Senator Gutierrez
Action taken by Senate: Passed without objection
Verified by Chair: [Signature] Date: 4/22/13

Approved by SGA President: [Signature] Date: 4/22/13

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