

A RESOLUTION HONORING  
**JENA NELSON**

2020 OKLAHOMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Whereas, Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Jena Nelson is a stellar example of the quality of education in Oklahoma as demonstrated by her dedication and devotion to students and her deep knowledge of the art and science of teaching; and,

Whereas, Jena Nelson, in her capacity as an English Composition and Academic Enhancement teacher of 7th- and 8th-grade students at Deer Creek Middle School in Deer Creek Public Schools, develops confidence in each child's abilities, sets high expectations for her students and herself, and promotes active involvement in her students' learning and in her own; and,

Whereas, she consistently exceeds expectations in teaching and in return earns the profound respect and admiration of students, parents and fellow educators; and,

Whereas, Jena Nelson will serve as Oklahoma's Ambassador for Teaching for the 2020-21 school year, sharing her knowledge and unique experiences with fellow and prospective educators while promoting education as a profession; and,

Whereas, the Oklahoma State Department of Education believes the future of our state depends on every child having the opportunity to achieve academic excellence and wishes to commend and express gratitude to those who devote their lives to the education of future generations; and,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education do honor Jena Nelson and offer our congratulations on her selection as Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year and official Ambassador for Teaching for the 2020-21 school year.

Approved this twenty-fifth day of June, 2020.

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