

Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole

WHEREAS, federal library funding helps Oklahoma libraries provide resources for students, assistance to small business, internet access, support for job seekers, technology training, summer reading programs, and transparent access to the information necessary to support a free and open democracy; and,

WHEREAS, school, public, academic, and tribal libraries in all Oklahoma communities are better able to serve their patrons with in-depth, accurate resources made possible by federal funding; and,

WHEREAS, the LSTA Native American Grants Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has provided basic and enhancement grants to Oklahoma tribal libraries, allowing them to better serve the informational and educational needs of Indian Country; and,

WHEREAS, federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been critical in the development of these services; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Library Association wishes to recognize that last year Congressman Cole supported continuing funding for IMLS and libraries; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Cole in his role as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds IMLS has demonstrated leadership by continuing and expanding funding for all libraries and for Native American library services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Oklahoma Library Association, in profound appreciation of his efforts, hereby expresses our heartfelt thanks for his work on behalf of the patrons of libraries in Oklahoma.

