



Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma recognizes the importance of study abroad at our institutions of higher education for the future of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the world has become increasingly interconnected through advances in technology and transportation, and a global perspective is critical in facing the challenges of the 21st century; and

Whereas, providing the future leaders of this state with the broadest possible education will significantly impact our national security, foreign policy, economic competitiveness, economic revenue and capacity for tolerance; and

Whereas, universities and colleges should be encouraged to introduce Oklahoma students in all majors to other cultures, foreign languages, and global issues and to provide opportunities to study abroad, which will enrich students' perspectives and personal development; and

Whereas, institutions of higher education should collaboratively participate in a study abroad consortium; and

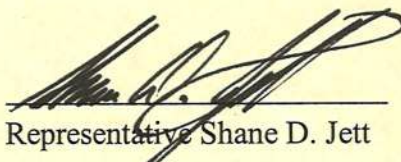
Whereas, study abroad would allow Oklahomans to compete with other markets and strengthen the value of an education received in Oklahoma, to create a workforce that is capable of excelling the increasingly global marketplace and attract industry, and to expand the opportunity for access to study abroad to become a cornerstone of higher education in Oklahoma.

Now, therefore, pursuant to the motion of
Representative Shane D. Jett

the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends to

**National Association of International Educators
for the State of Oklahoma**

best wishes and directs that this citation be presented.


Representative Shane D. Jett




Speaker Chris Bengé