



The Oklahoma State Capitol building • November 2002

The following words, written by Jennifer James, a 6th grader from Deer Creek Middle School, were delivered by First Lady Cathy Keating at the dedication of the State Capitol dome, November 16, 2002.

## **The Capitol Dome**

*The ghosts of the capitol are leaving. Their unfinished business gone.  
A Native American stands watching the dawn.  
He looks down on his native home from atop of the towering dome.  
The beautiful structure now stands supreme fulfilling our ancestors' dream  
It was one they could not fund so it was simply shunned  
Until this day when we decided to try it again.  
Now pride fills my heart as I see what would only start  
An age-old dream which can now be seen high  
Along the Oklahoma skyline.*