# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 12 By: Marlatt

A Resolution thanking Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley for his years of service to the State of Oklahoma; congratulating him on his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Gary Ridley will be retiring as Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Highway Authority in March 2013, but will continue to serve as the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Gary Ridley began working at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in 1965 as an equipment operator; and

WHEREAS, Ridley was appointed as the Director of ODOT in August 2001. Former Governor Brad Henry then appointed him as Secretary of Transportation in May 2009, and he was then tapped to also lead the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority in October 2009; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Ridley has worked with the Legislature to pass several landmark pieces of legislation to improve Oklahoma's transportation infrastructure. Under his leadership, the eight-year Construction Work Plan to address the state's critical long-term construction needs and the Asset Prevention Plan to protect the transportation infrastructure system were both created. He also assisted Governor Fallin with launching the Bridge Improvement and Turnpike Modernization Infrastructure Plan, which will serve to eliminate deficient state bridges by 2019; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Ridley is the consummate professional and has provided tremendous leadership in every position he has held in his 44 years at ODOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley for his 44 years of tremendous leadership and service to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Secretary Ridley on his retirement as Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of April, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 2nd day of April, 20 13, at 2:13 o'clock P M.

By: