Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 94 By: Bingman and Burrage

A Resolution commending Senator Jerry Ellis for his years of service to the Oklahoma Legislature; wishing him well in the future; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jerry Ellis was born in Hugo, Oklahoma in 1946. He received his Bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University in 1969 before joining the Armed Forced in 1969 where he served until 1972. He has since worked for Weyerhaeuser and as a cattle rancher. He also is the co-founder and publisher of the Southeast Times newspaper in Idabel, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Ellis was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in November 2002 and then elected to the Oklahoma State Senate to represent District 5 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, he was named Assistant Democratic Floor Leader in December 2011 and serves as the Vice Chair of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee. He also is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural Resources as well as the Business and Commerce, General Government, and Tourism and Wildlife Committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ellis championed legislation to protect Oklahoma's water and state parks as well as citizens' 2nd Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ellis has received numerous awards and accolades during his legislative service, including the Friend of Working Men and Women Award from the McCurtain County Democratic Party in 2002; the Oklahoma Rifleman Association Legislator of the Year Award in 2007; and both the Oklahoma American Legion Legislator

of the Year Award and the American Association of Retired Persons 50 Over 50 Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ellis is well known for his quick wit, downhome turns of phrase and unpretentious one-liners, which are much appreciated in the heat of debate and could often boil the merits or failings of a bill down to just a few, choice words, as in: "This bill is pro-God, pro-gun and pro-American," or "In Oklahoma, gun control is when you hit what you shoot at," and "When it comes to selling water to Texas, we're gonna fight until Hell freezes over, and then we'll fight 'em on ice".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Senator Jerry Ellis for his years of service to the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes him well in the future.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Jerry Ellis.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2014.

John W Ford

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 15th day of May, 20 14, at 10:43 o'clock A M.

By: Chris Benge