Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 74

By: Bingman, Schulz, Allen, Anderson, Bass, Bice, Boggs, Brecheen, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Dossett, Fields, Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Jech, Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry, Paddack, Pittman, Quinn, Sharp, Shaw, Shortey, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Thompson, Treat, Wyrick and Yen

A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator Don Barrington for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator Don Barrington is completing his twelfth year of service to the citizens of District 31 in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Don Barrington was born September 7, 1947, in Pryor, Oklahoma, to Burt and Lura Barrington. He graduated from Rexford High School in Rexford, Kansas, in 1965. He enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1966 through 1969; including an eighteen-month tour in Vietnam where he received an Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Senator Barrington's professional career began as a rookie with the Lawton Fire Department in 1969. During his 32-year tenure, he spent 26 years on shift at the fire station. He received an Associates Degree in Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City in 1993. He was appointed as the Fire Chief of Lawton in 1996 and served until his retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Senator Barrington is married to the former Jennifer Morgan and they are the parents to daughter, Alicia (Barrington) Rodgers, and to son, Jaron Barrington; and

WHEREAS, Don Barrington was a member of the first post-term-limits class of 2004 and has been a member of the Oklahoma State Senate since that time, serving first in the minority, then in the evenly-divided Senate and finally in the majority. Senator Barrington serves as Chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and has been a member on numerous other Senate committees; and

WHEREAS, State Question No. 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for a member of the Legislature to a total of twelve years and as a result, Senator Barrington will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

WHEREAS, Don Barrington has been a quintessential example of demonstrating leadership by action. Throughout his working life, he has been faced with protecting the public. Whether it was answering the call during a time of war, responding to alarms when accidents held lives in the balance or managing policy that impacts the health and safety of our citizenry, Senator Barrington was the person to count on. One of the greatest compliments one can bestow on another is dependability. Such dependability is also reflected in Senator Barrington's stellar record in the Oklahoma State Senate for Legislative days attended, roll call votes answered and votes cast. Through this dedication, our state is a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of Senate District 31 and all citizens of this state, expresses its

gratitude to Senator Don Barrington for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Don Barrington.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 26th day of May, 20 16, at 5:07 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Benge