Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 77

By: Bingman, Schulz, Allen, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Bice, Boggs, Brecheen, Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm, David, Dossett, Fields, Floyd, 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 John Ford for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator John Ford is completing his twelfth year of service to the citizens of District 29 in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, John Ford has a business degree from the University of Tulsa, and came to the Senate following a thirty-four-year career with Phillips Petroleum Company. He has served the community of Bartlesville as a founding member and past president of the Bartlesville Area Friends of the Parks and past president of the Bartlesville Area United Way. He and his wife, Mary, attend the First United Methodist Church and are parents of two and grandparents of four; and

WHEREAS, John Ford 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 Ford has served as Majority Caucus Chair and Assistant Majority Floor Leader, and has served as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee since 2009; and

WHEREAS, State Question 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 Ford will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

WHEREAS, John Ford has applied the business acumen, leadership skills and personal diplomacy accumulated over a career and a lifetime to his public service. While long an advocate for Oklahoma's children and for excellence in the public education system, he has worked tirelessly to become a recognized expert in state education policy. His grace during times of pressure at the Capitol and his never-failing courtesy will be missed by all.

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 29 and all citizens of this state, expresses its gratitude to Senator John Ford for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator John Ford.

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: