

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 85

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

A Resolution congratulating Carl Holmes as the recipient of the 2016 Congressional Fire Services Institute/Motorola Solutions Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award; recognizing the success of the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute and commending Carl Holmes for his 65 years and lifelong dedication to the Oklahoma City Fire Department; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Congressional Fire Services Institute's Board of Directors selected Oklahoma City's retired Assistant Fire Chief Carl Holmes as the recipient of the 2016 CFSI/Motorola Solutions Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award at the 28th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on May 5, 2016, in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Fire Chief Holmes started his career as a firefighter in 1951 with the Oklahoma City Fire Department and graduated from the Department's first class of twelve African Americans hired; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Holmes was involved in mentoring fire officers, African Americans, Hispanics and women and was an advocate for human resource management practices in fire departments; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Chief Holmes established the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute (EDI) to develop the management skills and leadership potential of African American firefighters. Now in its 25th year, the EDI has graduated hundreds of students who eventually obtained leadership roles in the fire service as Company Officers. In Oklahoma City, there are currently 59 African American firefighters, and they comprise about 6 percent of the department's work force; and

WHEREAS, the majority, if not all, women and persons of color who have become fire chiefs in the United States over the past twenty-plus years, have attended the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute, including our own retired administrative Fire Chief, Oklahoma State Senator, Kevin Matthews. Former State Senator Angela Monson has also served as a guest presenter to the EDI.

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

THAT members of the Oklahoma State Senate congratulate Carl Holmes as the recipient of the 2016 CFSI/Motorola Solutions Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award.

THAT the members of the Oklahoma State Senate recognize Carl Holmes for his tenacity and dedication in creating the Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute, as well as his 65 years and lifelong service to our state and his community as a firefighter.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Carl Holmes.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2016.



Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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day of May, 20 16, at 4:14 o'clock P. M.
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