

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 10

By: Thompson of the Senate

5 and

6 McBride of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution honoring the service of Dr.
10 Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State
11 System of Higher Education; expressing thanks and
12 wishing him well in his retirement; and directing
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Glen D. Johnson became the eighth Chancellor of the
15 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in January 2007, after a
16 national search. He has provided leadership on matters relating to
17 standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of
18 study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and
19 strategic planning. Johnson is responsible for an annual higher
20 education budget in excess of \$2.4 billion, and oversees numerous
21 programs, which are integral to the support of Oklahoma's higher
22 education system; and

23 WHEREAS, Johnson had previously served as the 16th president of
24 Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant for 10 years.
During his tenure, Johnson initiated the President's Leadership

1 Class and the President's Partners donor program. Among his many
2 accomplishments there, he implemented an \$85 million capital
3 campaign for the campus; and

4 WHEREAS, Johnson previously served as director of public policy
5 and adjunct professor of law at the University of Oklahoma College
6 of Law; and

7 WHEREAS, prior to his work at OU, Johnson served in the Oklahoma
8 House of Representatives from 1982 to 1996 and he was the Speaker of
9 the House for three terms from 1990 to 1996. At the time of his
10 election as Speaker, he was the youngest-sitting Speaker in the
11 United States. Prior to that, he served in several key leadership
12 positions including House Majority Floor Leader; House
13 Appropriations and Budget Committee Chair; House Majority Caucus
14 Chair; and House Judiciary Committee Chair. In 1980, Johnson was
15 elected as a member of the Okemah Board of Education; and

16 WHEREAS, Johnson was born into a family dedicated to public
17 service. He's the son of former United States Congressman Glen D.
18 Johnson Sr. and Imogene Johnson. Johnson's wife, Melinda is a
19 recently retired classroom teacher from Edmond Memorial High School;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, throughout Johnson's career, he has championed
22 education at every level in Oklahoma, recognized both statewide and
23 nationally as a strong, untiring advocate for funding for education.
24 As Chancellor, he has represented Oklahoma well through his

1 leadership positions with numerous national organizations including
2 the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, the
3 Southern Regional Education Board, the American Association of State
4 Colleges and Universities and the Association of Governing Boards of
5 Universities and Colleges. He is currently the longest-serving
6 chancellor/system-head in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson has been the recipient of
8 numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career including
9 induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Oklahoma's highest honor,
10 in 2006 and induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of
11 Fame in 2016. He also was the recipient of the State Higher
12 Education Executive Officers' Association (SHEEO) Exceptional Leader
13 Award honoring the outstanding higher education chancellor/system-
14 head in the nation in 2019 and Leadership Oklahoma's Lifetime
15 Achievement Award in 2020.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
17 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THEREIN:

19 THAT the Legislature honors Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and
20 expresses gratitude for his 39 years of public service on behalf of
21 the State of Oklahoma. Chancellor Johnson has consistently
22 comported himself with integrity, sincerity, respectfulness and
23 determination during his distinguished career in public service.
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1 THAT the Legislature wishes him the very best as he retires as
2 chancellor and begins the next chapter of his life.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Glen D.
4 Johnson.

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