

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 9

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 \$1.4 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.

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Johnson was born into a family dedicated to public
18 service. He's the son of former United States Congressman Glen D.
19 Johnson Sr. and Imogene Johnson. Johnson's wife, Melinda is a
20 teacher at Edmond Memorial High School; 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 Among his many awards and honors, he was inducted into the Oklahoma

1 Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2016, and in 2019, he received the
2 State Higher Education Executive Officers' Association (SHEEO)
3 Exceptional Leader Award honoring the outstanding higher education
4 chancellor/system-head in the nation.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
6 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

8 THAT the Legislature honors Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and
9 expresses gratitude for his lifetime of service on behalf of the
10 State of Oklahoma.

11 THAT the Legislature wishes him the very best as he retires as
12 chancellor and begins the next chapter of his life.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Glen D.
14 Johnson.

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