

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 77

By: Schulz

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator John  
8 Ford for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate;  
and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Senator John Ford is completing his twelfth year of  
12 service to the citizens of District 29 in the Oklahoma State Senate;  
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14 WHEREAS, John Ford has a business degree from the University of  
15 Tulsa, and came to the Senate following a thirty-four-year career  
16 with Phillips Petroleum Company. He has served the community of  
17 Bartlesville as a founding member and past president of the  
18 Bartlesville Area Friends of the Parks and past president of the  
19 Bartlesville Area United Way. He and his wife, Mary, attend the  
20 First United Methodist Church and are parents of two and  
21 grandparents of four; and

22 WHEREAS, John Ford was a member of the first post-term-limits  
23 class of 2004, and has been a member of the Oklahoma State Senate  
24 since that time, serving first in the minority, then in the evenly-

1 divided Senate and finally in the majority. Senator Ford has served  
2 as Majority Caucus Chair and Assistant Majority Floor Leader, and  
3 has served as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee since  
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, State Question 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and  
6 effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for a member  
7 of the Legislature to a total of twelve years and as a result,  
8 Senator Ford will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year;  
9 and

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

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

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of  
20 Senate District 29 and all citizens of this state, expresses its  
21 gratitude to Senator John Ford for his service in the Oklahoma State  
22 Senate.

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

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