

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 87

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending Senator Jim Halligan for his
8 years of service to the Oklahoma State Senate;
9 wishing him well in the future; and directing
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, James E. Halligan received his undergraduate, graduate
12 and doctorate degrees in chemical engineering from Iowa State
13 University and saw his professional work in the areas of teaching,
14 research and administration land him at various institutions
15 including the University of Arkansas, Texas Tech University and New
16 Mexico State University. Senator Halligan would go on to serve ten
17 years as the president at New Mexico State. On August 1, 1994,
18 Senator Halligan would become the sixteenth president for Oklahoma
19 State University. As the chief executive officer of the university
20 system and president of OSU, he would be responsible for the
21 expansion of OSU campuses to locations in Oklahoma City, Okmulgee
22 and Tulsa. This growth also included the school's health sciences
23 center and medical school; and
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1 WHEREAS, Jim Halligan was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate
2 to represent District 21 in November of 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, he has served as the chair of the Appropriations
4 Subcommittee on Education and as a member of several other standing
5 committees; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Halligan remained a dedicated and tireless
7 servant to every level of the state's educational system by
8 authoring and supporting legislation to continue to enhance common
9 education, career and technology education and higher education of
10 this state; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Halligan's vast experience in the area of
12 education, his intelligence and steady guidance will be missed by
13 the Senate. Let us all be mindful of the grace and class in which
14 he served and that it represents a prime example of legislative
15 service for this body going forward and most importantly GO POKES!

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

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Senator Jim Halligan for
19 his years of service to this body.

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes him well in the future.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Jim
22 Halligan.

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