

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1036 BY: JOHNSON (Glen), LESTER, ADAIR, APPLE, BASTIN, BATES, BEGLEY, BENSON, BOECKMAN, BOYD, BRYANT, CALDWELL, CAMPBELL, COLEMAN, COMBS, COTNER, COX, COZORT, CROCKER, CULVER, DAVIS, DUNEGAN, DUNLAP, FALLIN, FERGUSON, GATES, GLOVER, GRAVES, GREENWOOD, GRIESER, HAGER, HAMILTON (James), HAMILTON (Jeff), HANSEN, HEFNER, HENSHAW, HILLIARD, HOLT, HOWARD, HUDSON, HUTCHCROFT, ISAAC, ISTOOK, JOHNSON (Rob), KEY, KINNAMON, KOUBA, LARASON, LEIST, LITTLEFIELD, LUCAS, MADDOX (Jim), MADDUX (Elmer), MANAR, MASS, MATLOCK, MAXEY, McCORKELL, MITCHELL, MONKS, MONSON, NIEMI, PAULK, PELTIER, PILGRIM, POPE, REESE, RHOADS (Karroll), RHODES (Dusty), RICE, ROACH, ROBERTS (Larry), ROBERTS (Walt), ROSS, SADLER, SATTERFIELD, SEIKEL, SETTLE, SMITH (Bill), SMITH (Dale), STANLEY, STEIDLEY, STITES, STOTTLEMYRE, SULLIVAN, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TODD, TYLER, VAUGHN (George), VAUGHN (Ray), VEITCH, VOSKUHL, WEAVER, WEBB, WEESE, WIDENER, WILLIAMS, WORTHEN and YORK

A RESOLUTION HONORING W.E. "BILL" FARHA, SR., ON HIS DEPARTURE AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN SERVICES; COMMENDING HIS MANY YEARS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE; EXTENDING BEST WISHES; AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's greatness is magnified by the dedication and efforts of its public servants; and

WHEREAS, a career dedicated to public service is a commendable pursuit, and individuals who have chosen that path deserve respect and admiration; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1992, William Ellis Farha, Sr., known as W.E. "Bill" Farha, Sr., a native of Bristow, Oklahoma, tendered his resignation as a Commissioner of the Commission for Human Services, marking an end to a distinguished 39-consecutive-year career in service to the State of Oklahoma characterized by leadership, hard work and compassion; and

WHEREAS, W.E. "Bill" Farha, Sr. served as a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission from 1953 to 1961, as a member of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority from 1961 to 1971, and as a Commissioner of the Commission for Human Services from 1971 to 1992, and during such 39-year period served ten governors. Mr. Farha assumed the responsibilities of Vice Chairman of the Commission for Human Services in September, 1985, and during his service with the Commission was active on the Budget Subcommittee, served as the Chairman of the Real Estate and Property Subcommittee which reviewed county office space needs, dealt with the placing of homeless children for adoption and helped establish a hospitalization program administered by the Department of Public Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Bill Farha has been active in public service in the Bristow community, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Elks Club and the Sportsman Club; serving as the County Chairman for various heart and polio fund raising drives, the President of the Bristow Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, the Highway Chairman for the Bristow Chamber of Commerce, and the President of Bristow Industries, the industrial arm of the Chamber of Commerce; and serving as an elder in the First Christian Church of Bristow and as the head of the Church Finance Committee. Mr. Farha also has served

as the Democratic Party County Co-Chairman and in 1966 received the Legion of Honor from the International Order of DeMolay; and

WHEREAS, W.E. "Bill" Farha's career in public service is exemplary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends and praises W.E. "Bill" Farha, Sr. for his dedication and commitment to public service.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby expresses sincere appreciation to W.E. "Bill" Farha, Sr. for his 39 years of consecutive service to the State of Oklahoma and extends best wishes on his departure as a Commissioner of the Commission for Human Services.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to W.E. "Bill" Farha, Sr.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of April,
1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives