ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Wright, Bell, Brown, Cain, Capps, Cole, Cullison, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Hooper, Horner, Kerr, Lawler, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Mickle, Miles-LaGrange, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don) and Williams (Penny) of the Senate

and

Hefner of the House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring Ms. Blythe J. Thomas on her retirement from the staff of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; praising her many accomplishments in governmental service; extending best wishes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas began her governmental career from January 1975 to June 1977 as the Joint United States Senate State Office Manager and Caseworker for United States Senators Henry Bellmon and Dewey F. Bartlett. Ms. Thomas was solely responsible to both senators for all military casework. She resolved problems through correspondence and telephone inquiries in federal, state, local and private matters for constituents. She also coordinated district visits for both senators, greatly increasing attendance of constituents; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas served as Legislative Assistant to United States Senator Henry Bellmon from July 1977 to December 1980. Ms. Thomas served as primary aide to Senator Bellmon in his duties

as a member of the Appropriations Subcommittees on Defense, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies. She assisted Senator Bellmon on natural resources legislation in his duties on the Energy Committee. Her other legislative duties included environmental concerns, Social Security and pension problems, and Indian affairs; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas served as Legislative Assistant to United States Senator Don Nickles from January 1981 to January 1985. Ms. Thomas had legislative responsibilities in the areas of defense, foreign affairs, veterans affairs, civil and postal services, housing and urban development, and Indian affairs. She analyzed, briefed, developed bills and amendments, prepared floor statements and speech notes. She also represented Senator Nickles at congressional delegation meetings with constituent and special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas served as Legislative Director to United States Senator David L. Boren from February 1985 until February 1987. Ms. Thomas coordinated all legislative activities, supervised four legislative assistants and two legislative staff assistants in the duties of bill and amendment preparation, floor statement, legislative research, constituent meetings and correspondence. She followed floor action and briefed Senator Boren on issues and roll call votes. She also advised Senator Boren on defense, foreign policy, budget, appropriations and veterans legislation. Ms. Thomas managed special personal requests from Senator Boren concerning unique Oklahoma projects and constituent problems. She advised state offices on current legislative issues and acted as a focal point for difficult constituent inquiries; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas served on the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as the Chairman's Designee and Professional Staff Member from February 1987 until February 1993. Ms. Thomas served the Chairman, Senator David L. Boren, directly on

all aspects of oversight on programs under the jurisdiction of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. She personally advised the Chairman on defense, veterans affairs and foreign policy. She also spent most of 1992 defending the 45th Infantry Brigade of the Oklahoma Army National Guard from inactivation and major budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas served eighteen years as a United States Senate employee, advancing from state office manager and caseworker to professional staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Ms. Thomas has more than 15 years of federal legislative staff experience, primarily in defense and foreign affairs. Her other areas of expertise include appropriations, veterans affairs, interior, housing and urban development and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Blythe J. Thomas has been married for 40 years to Richard E. Thomas and has four children and five grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Ms. Blythe J. Thomas upon her retirement from the staff of the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises Blythe Thomas for her many accomplishments in governmental services.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature extends best wishes upon her retirement.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ms. Blythe Thomas, Richard E. Thomas, Senator David Boren, Senator Don Nickles and former Senator Henry Bellmon.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of February, 1993.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1993.

Speaker of the House of Representatives