

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 69

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

and

Cotner of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing, expressing gratitude to, commending, and congratulating Earl Abernathy for his many years of public service; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Earl Abernathy was one of the original members of the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College (then Altus Junior College) and was appointed in 1971 by Governor David Hall to a four-year term. Regent Abernathy was involved in raising funds to purchase the land on which Western Oklahoma State College is now located; and

WHEREAS, Earl Abernathy was reappointed to the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College in 1975 by Governor David Boren, in 1982 by Governor George Nigh, and in 1989 by Governor Henry Bellmon. Regent Abernathy served four consecutive terms for a total

of 25 years, the longest tenure held by a Western Oklahoma State College Regent; and

WHEREAS, Earl Abernathy served in various offices of the Board during the time he was a member of the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College. Regent Abernathy was instrumental in developing the Agriculture Advisory Committee and serving as its president in 1973. The Committee raised funds to award agricultural scholarships each year since its advent in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Earl Abernathy, throughout his tenure on the Board, has been a motivational force in the growth of the college from an enrollment of 642 students in the spring of 1971 to the present enrollment of approximately 1,700 students. In recognition of Regent Abernathy's distinguished public service, the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College on May 15, 1996, appointed Earl Abernathy as Regent Emeritus of the college, with all rights and privileges normally afforded this title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature takes special recognition of the years Earl Abernathy has served Western Oklahoma State College with loyalty and integrity.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses gratitude on behalf of the many who have benefited from the distinguished service of Earl Abernathy.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends Earl Abernathy for his distinguished public service to Oklahoma Higher Education.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Earl Abernathy on his appointment as Regent Emeritus.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Earl Abernathy, and the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives