

SHORT TITLE: Commending Reginald Barnes for his many years of service on the Commission for Human Services; wishing him well upon his retirement; directing distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 30

By: Williams (Penny)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending Reginald Barnes for his many years of service on the Commission for Human Services; wishing him well upon his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Reginald Davis Barnes was born March 16, 1914 in Ponca City, Oklahoma, the son of Louis Seymour Barnes and Mary Elizabeth Davis Barnes. He attended the University of Michigan, earning his undergraduate degree in 1936 and his law degree in 1938. During World War II he served in the Naval Reserve and was an officer aboard the USS Shangri La. He served as a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Southern Hills Country Club. He was a Board Member of: the United Fund, Children's Medical Center, Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa, County Mental Health Association, Planned Parenthood, Council of Social Agencies, Friends of the Library and the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. Reginald Barnes also served as Senior Vice President and Director of Frontier Federal Savings and Loan; and

WHEREAS, Reginald D. Barnes was appointed by Governor J. Howard Edmondson in February 1962 as a member of the Oklahoma Commission for Human Services. Mr. Barnes served for 33 years with great honor and distinction until his retirement from the Commission in August 1995; and

WHEREAS, Reginald D. Barnes guided the governing board for Oklahoma's largest state agency through an era of unprecedented growth in human services programs, having been reappointed and named

Chair by both Governor Dewey Bartlett in 1969 and Governor David Boren in 1977. Having served 17 years as Chair, he was reappointed to the Commission by Governor George Nigh in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished public service of Reginald Barnes spans an entire generation, during which time his temperate leadership and vast knowledge of the Department enriched the administration of ten Oklahoma governors. He gave freely of his time, energy and leadership to address the social and economic problems which affect an increasing number of Oklahomans. His deep concern and compassion for others has been evident in his devoted service to the Commission and to citizens of Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Reginald Barnes for his many years of service on the Commission for Human Services.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Reginald Barnes well upon his retirement from the Commission for Human Services.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Reginald Barnes.

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