

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 28

By: Taylor, Snyder, Brown,  
Cain, Campbell, Capps,  
Dickerson, Douglass,  
Dunlap, Easley, Fair,  
Fisher, Ford, Gustafson,  
Haney, Harrison, Helton,  
Hendrick, Henry, Herbert,  
Hobson, Horner, Kerr,  
Laughlin, Leftwich,  
Littlefield, Long, Maddox,  
Martin, Mickle, Milacek,  
Monson, Morgan, Muegge,  
Price, Rabon, Roberts,  
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,  
Smith, Stipe, Weedn,  
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson,  
Williams, Williamson and  
Wright of the Senate

and

Benson and Vaughn of the  
House

A Concurrent Resolution praising the career of George Nigh as President of the University of Central Oklahoma; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, George Nigh is retiring as the President of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma, and is ending a distinguished career in higher education. This career includes 32 years in elected public office, during which he supported higher education in his terms as Governor, Lieutenant Governor and as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service to the State of Oklahoma, George Nigh has shown himself to be a champion for the cause of higher education and the students it serves; and

WHEREAS, as President of the University of Central Oklahoma, George Nigh has brought vision and outstanding leadership to initiate change that has resulted in a virtual "reinvention" of the University of Central Oklahoma campus; and

WHEREAS, George Nigh spearheaded the state's first-ever bond program to finance a \$55 million capital improvements project at the University, which provided for new construction, new landscaping, new equipment, additional parking and the guiding of the University of Central Oklahoma into the world of high technology; and

WHEREAS, George Nigh's tenure at the University of Central Oklahoma was highlighted by many events, including the addition of the state's newest Education Building dedicated solely to training tomorrow's educators, a doubling of the size of the Max Chamber Library and the mathematics and science facilities, a massive revamping of the University Center to include a food court and additional auditoriums, the addition of a communications lecture hall, business lecture hall, Broncho Lake and the amphitheater and other major and extensive changes that will impact the University for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, under George Nigh's leadership, the University's first-ever major public fundraising campaign raised more than \$6 million to benefit students, faculty and special programs; and

WHEREAS, during George Nigh's five years at the helm of the University of Central Oklahoma, and with the founding of the Nigh Institute of State Government in 1987, he has nurtured and supported university programs that have brought national honors to the institution and the state in such diverse fields as debate, music, drama, political science, business, education, physics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, over 40,000 students attended the University of Central Oklahoma and over 14,000 have graduated during the tenure of George Nigh; and

WHEREAS, George Nigh will enter his retirement years with the knowledge that his career has helped thousands of Oklahoma students further their educations and enrich the quality of their lives. George Nigh leaves his career in higher education with the realization that he has made a mark on history and on many lives and that his dedication and leadership are honored and appreciated by those whose lives he has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the career of George Nigh as President of the University of Central Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature wishes him well upon the occasion of his retirement.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to George Nigh and the George Nigh Institute of State Government.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 1997.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives