ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 29 By: Mickle, Rozell, Roberts, 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, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Rabon, Robinson, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson

A Resolution thanking Dr. Larry Williams for a decade of leadership at Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant; wishing him well as the new President of Northeastern State University at Tahlequah; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma native Larry Bill Williams graduated from Cushing High School and received a Bachelor of Science and Master's of Business Administration degree from Central State University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Williams graduated from the Institute for Educational Management Program at Harvard University. For the next twenty years, Dr. Williams held administrative positions in Oklahoma's system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Williams began his tenure as Interim President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University and was appointed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges as the University's fifteenth president on August 15, 1987. During his ten years at Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant, Dr. Williams reorganized the University into four academic schools; cut administrative costs by almost fifty percent; created a formal faculty structure to reward performance; developed a comprehensive master plan to govern the school's growth; reduced the use of adjunct faculty while increasing full-time faculty salaries; directed development of a number of programs to improve student quality of life on campus; and implemented a program designed to increase the number of minority faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Williams has chaired the Presidents' Council, representing Oklahoma's six regional universities; chaired both the statewide Council of Presidents and the Legislative Affairs Committee for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and chaired the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center Consortium Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Williams graduated from Leadership Oklahoma and continues to serve as a member of the Advisory Board. Dr. Williams chairs the Southeast Region Oklahoma Academy for State Goals and continues to serve on the Academy's Board of Directors. He has served as President of the Durant Chamber of Commerce, on the Board of Directors for the United Way, on the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America Council, and on the Board of Advisors for the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1997, the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges appointed Dr. Larry Williams as President of Northeastern State University. Dr. Williams will assume that position on a full-time basis on July 1, 1997.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Dr. Larry Williams for a decade of leadership at Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Dr. Larry Williams well as the new President of Northeastern State University at Tahlequah.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Larry Williams and his wife, Pam.

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

President of the Senate