STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1016 By: Benson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing, commending and expressing appreciation to Chancellor Hans Brisch; celebrating the 40th anniversary of his coming to America; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Chancellor Hans Brisch came to America on April 23, 1957, alone as a 17-year old German immigrant with $51 in his pocket; and

WHEREAS, Hans Brisch left his homeland and traveled to the heartland of the United States in search of the American Dream, the opportunity for education, and freedom to pursue a full life; and

WHEREAS, Hans Brisch worked as a houseboy, dishwasher and grocery store stocker and benefited from the kindness and generosity of Americans who enveloped him in their families, provided scholarship dollars, counseled, and encouraged his development; and

WHEREAS, Hans Brisch earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Park College in Kansas City, Missouri, as well as a master's degree and doctorate in political science from the University of Kansas. Dr. Brisch developed a professional career at the University of Kansas, University of Alabama and the University of Nebraska. Today Dr. Brisch serves on the board of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education selected Hans Brisch from more than 100 applicants in 1987 to serve as Chancellor for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Hans Brisch has been a tireless advocate of the American Dream, proving a college education can open the doors of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, twelve-year-old Hans Brisch rejected life as a salesman, which was the vocation he was suited for according to the German career testing system, and has become Oklahoma's foremost advocate for improving and providing quality higher education opportunities for Oklahomans.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes and commends Chancellor Hans Brisch for his courage, his example and his continuing quest to help Oklahomans achieve the American Dream.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses its appreciation to Chancellor Hans Brisch for his leadership and the progress of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education during his ten-year term as Chancellor.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives celebrates April 23, 1997, as the 40th anniversary of "Hans Brisch Coming to America".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Chancellor Hans Brisch; his wife, Dr. Margarette Brisch; the members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

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