

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 15

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Benson of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Paul McElvany for his many years of service to the State of Oklahoma; honoring him upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1949, Paul E. McElvany, a graduate of Meeker High School and a student at Central State College in Edmond, took a "temporary" job working in the Oklahoma Tax Commission print shop. A year later he took another "temporary" state job as a custodian at the Oklahoma State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Paul E. McElvany's hard work was appreciated and he was assigned to operate an elevator at the State Capitol. A business and accounting major working for a degree in business administration, McElvany studied and did his homework using the elevator operator's chair as a desk. As a result, he came to the attention of State Auditor and Inspector Charles Morris, who offered him a job. In 1952, McElvany went to work as a "temporary" auditor and audit supervisor, a position he held for ten years; and

WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1973, Paul McElvany worked for the Planning and Resources Board as a fiscal affairs officer. At that time, the agency had charge of state parks, lodges and recreation areas. In 1973, he went to work for the State Legislative Council. In that position he established a Performance Audits Division which audited state agencies to determine whether they were using state

funds efficiently and for the purpose for which they were intended. Paul McElvany stayed with the Oklahoma State Legislature until he retired as head of the Legislative Service Bureau in 1998. He also served as a Board Member and Vice Chair of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System from 1989 through 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his entire tenure in Oklahoma state government, Paul McElvany always considered his position as temporary. He worked with some of Oklahoma's most famous political figures of the last half-century. When he retired, he had more seniority than any of Oklahoma's other state employees but was under the protection of the state merit system for only three of his almost fifty years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Paul McElvany upon completion of nearly a half century of "temporary" service to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Paul McElvany upon the occasion of his retirement from state employment as the state employee with the most seniority.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Paul McElvany and his wife, Jeanette.

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