

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 37

By: Rabon

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising Juanita Townsend upon the occasion of her retirement; wishing her well in all future endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Juanita Sue Townsend grew up in Valliant, Oklahoma, with her brothers and sisters as a member of a large and happy family; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Townsend worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 30 years before retiring for the first time. She followed this by two years of employment for Centrex; and

WHEREAS, for the past 18 sessions, Juanita Townsend has served the Oklahoma State Senate as an operator at the Senate switchboard, answering impossible questions, keeping track of legislators, staff and lobbyists and generally being there when needed and performing above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Townsend has worked diligently at the switchboard at all hours of the day and night, acting as a sounding board and keeping the entire Senate family informed as to receptions, births, deaths, good news and bad. She has been the Senate's first line of defense, answering the phone and talking to irate constituents, upset members of the executive branch, inquiring members of the media and friends and family of Senate members; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Townsend has been the guardian of the keys to the Senate restroom, the object of acoustical experiments and practical jokes played by freshman senators and working long, late

hours when no one knew what was going on or when the session would end; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past 18 years, Juanita Townsend has handled the most difficult job with grace, keeping both her dignity and sense of humor regardless of the circumstances. We will all miss her.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Juanita Townsend on the occasion of her retirement for her 18 years of dedicated service to the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Juanita Townsend well in any and all future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Juanita Sue Townsend.

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