

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 72

By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Jan Lovell in recognition of his induction into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, our society depends upon talented and dedicated individuals to enter the field of journalism, keeping the public informed about day to day events that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell chose to enter the profession early in life, working at KVSO in Ardmore while he was in junior high school and then moving on to the University of Oklahoma where he graduated with a degree in philosophy; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Jan Lovell joined the wandering call of the broadcast journalist, working at television stations in Louisiana and South Carolina before returning to his home state and ultimately joining the staff of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority; and

WHEREAS, through his work at OETA and his coverage of the Oklahoma State Capitol, Jan Lovell has become one of the most recognizable and dependable broadcast journalists in Oklahoma, earning praise on a daily basis from his peers, his audience and the subjects he covers; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell is perhaps best known for his coverage of the Oklahoma Legislature, particularly his "Legislative Week in Review" -- a program that is required viewing for all legislators, staffers and other members of the rotunda crowd who really want to

find out what happened at the State Capitol in the week that was;
and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell is recognized as the dean of State Capitol broadcast media, a title that earns him no extra pay but causes him plenty of heartache. As broadcast dean, Jan Lovell is responsible for schooling visiting commercial television reporters on such helpful information as the difference between the House and the Senate, how a bill becomes a law and the location of the Capitol bathrooms; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell has managed to perform those duties and cover the State Legislature, without losing his sanity or his good sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame as part of its class of 2000, a fitting and long-deserved achievement for his many years of dedicated work and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Jan Lovell in recognition of his induction into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jan Lovell, OETA-TV, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Oklahoma Press Association.

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