

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 14

By: Taylor, Cain, Campbell, Capps,
Coffee, Crutchfield, Dickerson,
Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair,
Fisher, Ford, Haney, Harrison,
Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson,
Horner, Johnson, Kerr,
Laughlin, Leftwich,
Littlefield, Maddox, Martin,
Mickle, Milacek, Monson,
Morgan, Muegge, Nichols, Price,
Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Stipe,
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams
and Williamson of the Senate

10 and

11 Jones of the House

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14 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Phillip L. Driskill
15 for his many accomplishments; congratulating him upon
16 his promotion and receiving the Hammer Award;
17 suggesting the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
18 Affairs designate the new wing of the Claremore
19 Veterans Center, "The Phillip L. Driskill Wing"; and
20 directing distribution.

21 WHEREAS, Phillip L. Driskill is an honorably discharged disabled
22 Vietnam veteran, having served in the United States Army from
23 October 14, 1966, to August 20, 1969. Phillip Driskill has devoted
24 his life to helping other veterans, not only in his employment with
25 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs as a claims officer and
26 Veterans Center Administrator, but also through membership in the
27 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American
28 Veterans and other civic groups promoting veterans programs; and

29 WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill has been a leader in securing state
30 and federal legislation to enhance and improve benefit programs
31 available to all veterans, and specifically, Oklahoma veterans.
32 Through his participation in the National Association of State
Veterans Homes, he has worked with members of Congress to retain and
expand services provided through the state homes program and has

1 | been a major influence in securing increased federal funds for State
2 | Home Grant projects. Phillip Driskill has worked as a team leader
3 | to obtain funds, both state and federal, to renovate, expand, or
4 | build state veterans homes throughout the nation, and specifically
5 | in Oklahoma; and

6 | WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill's perseverance in the pursuit of
7 | excellence for the state veterans homes program led him to spearhead
8 | an effort to obtain federal and state legislation to permit state
9 | veterans homes to participate in sharing agreements with the United
10 | States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, permitting
11 | participation in federal supply schedule purchasing of supplies and
12 | services in prime vendor programs for dietary and medical supplies.
13 | These efforts and his initiative to implement a program to obtain
14 | prescription drugs through the United States Department of Veterans
15 | Affairs Medical Centers for eligible veterans domiciled in state
16 | veterans centers has enabled the State of Oklahoma to improve
17 | facilities and provide enhanced services to veteran-patients.
18 | Phillip Driskill received the prestigious Hammer Award for his
19 | efforts in developing this mechanism which allows state veterans
20 | homes nationwide to purchase from the federal supply schedule; and

21 | WHEREAS, as Administrator of the Claremore Veterans Center,
22 | Phillip Driskill is respected for his leadership and problem-solving
23 | abilities. He has been honored with numerous local and state awards
24 | from service organizations and public officials throughout Oklahoma.
25 | He gives many hours of his own personal time speaking to various
26 | organizations, communicating to them the needs of Oklahoma veterans;
27 | and

28 | WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill was promoted to a position where he
29 | manages statewide programs for Oklahoma's Department of Veterans
30 | Affairs in recognition of the outstanding job he has done for 13
31 | years in heading the Claremore medical unit.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Phillip L. Driskill
5 for his many accomplishments.

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Phillip L.
7 Driskill upon his receiving the Hammer Award and his promotion to
8 manage statewide programs for Oklahoma's Department of Veterans
9 Affairs.

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature suggests that the Oklahoma
11 Department of Veterans Affairs designate the new wing of the
12 Claremore Veterans Center "The Phillip L. Driskill Wing".

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Phillip L.
14 Driskill and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of
15 Veterans Affairs.

16 Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of April, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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21 Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2001.

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Presiding Officer of the House
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