

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1048

By: Staggs, Turner, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Balkman, Begley, Bengel, Benson, Blackburn, Bonny, Braddock, Calvey, Cargill, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Corn, Covey, Cox, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ericson, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Friskup, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ray), Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry, Peters, Peterson, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Rice, Roach, Roan, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Smaligo, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Stanley, Steele, Stites (Chad), Stites (J.T.), Sullivan, Sweeden, Taylor, Tibbs, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Walker, Webb, Wells, Wilson, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young

A Resolution congratulating and extending appreciation to Dr. Ann Benson for her career and service to education in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ann Benson has served the State of Oklahoma for three years as Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, which is recognized as the premier system of career and technology education in the nation, and during her tenure has greatly added to the stellar reputation of the system; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service as Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, Dr. Benson served thirteen years as the Assistant State Director for Educational Services for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, a critical position that directly affected the quality of programs and services provided to students in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson served as the first Executive Director of the Mid-America Vocational Curriculum Consortium, where she was directly responsible for the development of over seventy-five curriculum publications used throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson served for three years as a Curriculum Specialist for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and directly impacted students by teaching vocational home economics for four years and kindergarten for one year in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson has brought noteworthy acclaim to the State of Oklahoma by being elected to the presidency of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education, and receiving the National Association of Career and Technical Education's Outstanding Service Award as well as its Region IV Outstanding Education Award; and

WHEREAS, the honors awarded to Dr. Benson in the State of Oklahoma are legion and include induction into the Oklahoma State University College of Education Hall of Fame, recognition as an Oklahoma State University College of Human Environmental Sciences Distinguished Alumni and the Oklahoma Council of Local Administrator's Outstanding Administrator, and a finalist for The Journal Record's 2001 Woman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Benson has accomplished a number of noteworthy milestones during her tenure as Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education including the development of a system strategic plan, implementation of a new virtual learning system, establishment of the national career clusters project, creation of an on-line job placement system, transition to a statewide name change - CareerTech, coordination of a statewide marketing campaign, resurrection of research and development activities, and implementation of an instructional services division to further professional development of teachers, all accomplished without adding to agency staff; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty-four years of service to the students of Oklahoma and to all Oklahomans, Dr. Ann Benson has represented Oklahoma's CareerTech system with class and dignity, and continues to build a nationally paramount system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates Dr. Ann Benson on a successful career and extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Benson for her dedication to the CareerTech System in the State of Oklahoma, and also extends its appreciation to her husband Gene and son Brian for their steadfast support of her efforts.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Ann Benson and the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of May,  
2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives