

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 21

By: Herbert, Haney, Cain, Campbell,
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Mickle, Milacek, Monson,
Morgan, Muegge, Nichols, Price,
Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams
and Williamson

A Resolution honoring Jan Lovell in recognition of his many years of public service as Senior Capitol Reporter for OETA and wishing him the best of luck on his impending retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the OETA news program Oklahoma News Report was created to inform and educate Oklahomans about their state government and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell fulfilled that mandate as Senior Capitol Reporter for the Oklahoma News Report and Legislative Week In Review for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, many other vocations as well as other broadcast positions offered greater financial rewards, but Jan Lovell recognized the need for balanced, objective, and detailed coverage of the State Capitol and chose to answer that calling; and

WHEREAS, no other broadcast entity in the entire state offers the in-depth coverage of state government that can be found on OETA, and that level of coverage is overwhelmingly due to the efforts of Jan Lovell; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell has the experience and expertise to recognize both the importance of the big picture as well as the finer details in the legislative process and has the incredible patience to try to explain these to visiting broadcast reporters who evidently slept through their freshmen-level government course; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell is considered "Dean" of the Fifth Estate of the State Capitol Press Corps and puts competitive instincts aside

to ensure the public gets the best information possible, even when it is being delivered by another news organization; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell has won the deepest respect of his peers, most recently signified by his 2000 induction into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, and has been a broadcast journalist for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Jan Lovell will be greatly missed by his audience, his coworkers, fellow journalists and by the scores of individuals in government who have come to appreciate his intelligence, experience, and candid, thorough and objective reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Jan Lovell in recognition of two decades of reporting for OETA and wishes him happiness and good luck in his retirement.

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

Adopted by the Senate the 18th day of May, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate