

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 52

By: Easley, Taylor, Cain, Campbell,  
Capps, Coffee, Crutchfield,  
Douglass, Dunlap, 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

A Resolution commending Mark Coleman for his many years of service to the State of Oklahoma; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Mark S. Coleman has been recognized as the leader of most of the environmental programs in this state and has long been admired and trusted by the members of this body for his dedication to improving the environment of this state; and

WHEREAS, Mark Coleman began his career in public service by establishing the State Environmental Laboratory in 1970, continuing as Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Health Service at the Department of Health, and performing an instrumental role in the creation of the Department of Environmental Quality in 1993, where he currently serves as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the great strides Mark S. Coleman has made in cleaning up and protecting our own state's environment, he has been called upon to serve in national leadership positions as a frequent advisor to the federal Environmental Protection Agency to assist in forming national environmental laws and policies. He has further served in leadership positions in the American Water Works Association, the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers, the National Sanitation Foundations of the States, the Environmental Council of the States, and the Environmental Commissioners Committee of the National Governor's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mark S. Coleman has often been the recipient of awards and public recognition. He received the National Water Conservation Award from the National Wildlife Federation in 1971, was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of American in 1980, received the

Oklahoma Sanitarian of the Year in 1983, and was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health in 1990; and

WHEREAS, after decades of service to the people and State of Oklahoma, Mark S. Coleman will be retiring from state government to spend more time with his family, church, and community.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Mark S. Coleman for his many years of service protecting the environment of this state and his dedicated leadership in state government as part of his service to the people and State of Oklahoma.

THAT it is with a great sense of pride in his service and sincere appreciation for his trusted advice and dedicated leadership that the Oklahoma State Senate sincerely wishes Mark S. Coleman the best upon the occasion of his retirement from state government and good fortune in his future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mark S. Coleman; his wife, Cindy; daughter, Sherri Dennis; and son, Scott.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of May, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate