

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 63

By: Fisher, Morgan, Hobson and
Henry

A Resolution honoring Dr. Ann Benson for her service and dedication to this state's career and technology education system; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ann Benson has served this great state for three years as State Director of the nation's premier system of career and technology education, and during her tenure has greatly added to this system's stellar reputation; and

WHEREAS, she served 13 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 to Oklahoma's students; and

WHEREAS, she served as the first Executive Director of the Mid-America Vocational Curriculum Consortium, where she was directly responsible for the development of over 75 curriculum publications used throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, she served for three years as a Curriculum Specialist for the agency, and directly influenced Oklahoma's students by teaching vocational home economics for four years and kindergarten for one year; and

WHEREAS, she has brought noteworthy acclaim to this great state by being elected to the presidency of the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education, and was awarded the National Association of Career and Technical Education's Outstanding Service Award as well as its Region IV Outstanding Education Award; and

WHEREAS, her honors in this state are legion, including induction into the Oklahoma State University College of Education Hall of Fame, recognition as one of the OSU College of Human Environmental Sciences Distinguished Alumni and the Oklahoma Council of Local Administrator's Outstanding Administrator, and as a finalist for The Journal Record's 2001 Woman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, she has accomplished a number of noteworthy milestones during her tenure as State Director, 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 34 years of service to Oklahoma's students 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 SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. Ann Benson, and 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, her husband Gene, son Brian and the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate