

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 69

By: Taylor, Cain, Campbell, Capps,
Coffee, Crutchfield, 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

A Resolution thanking Senator Brooks Douglass for his service to the State of Oklahoma; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Brooks Douglass was born on September 28, 1963, in Norman, Oklahoma. The son of Dr. Richard B. and Marilyn Douglass, Brooks graduated from Putnam City High School in 1981, from Baylor University with Bachelors of Business Administration degrees in Accounting and Finance in 1985, and from Oklahoma City University with a Juris Doctorate in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Douglass has practiced as an attorney with Douglass, Roberts and Associates; has been the President of Equity Plus Mortgage, Inc.; President of Veritas International Export Company; and is President of Argosi Trading, Inc., an international export trading company; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Douglass served as a Delegate to Taiwan with the American Council of Young Political Leaders, received the 1993 Outstanding Alumni Award from Baylor University, and was a member of Leadership Oklahoma's Class VIII; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooks Douglass has represented District 40 in the Oklahoma State Senate since his initial election in 1990. Senator Douglass has been Minority Whip and serves on the Oklahoma Health Care Commission. Senator Douglass is currently Vice Chair of the Small Business Committee and the Sunset Review Committee. He also serves on the Business and Labor Committee; Energy, Environmental Resources and Regulatory Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; Rules Committee; and the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooks Douglass has championed the cause of victims' rights in the Oklahoma State Senate. He authored right-to-witness legislation allowing victims' family members to witness executions of the guilty parties via closed-circuit television, thus giving family members a sense of closure. Many states with the death penalty now have laws guaranteeing such access to allow those who have been hurt the most by a crime to bear witness to society's justice, giving them some measure of peace of mind; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooks Douglass has indicated he will not run for reelection in Oklahoma's State Senate District 40, but will retire from the Oklahoma State Senate.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Senator Brooks Douglass for his service to his District, the Oklahoma State Senate, and the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its best wishes to Senator Brooks Douglass upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Brooks Douglass and his Executive Assistant Margaret Jolley.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of May, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate