

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1062

By: Adair of the House

and

Taylor of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution expressing appreciation to Ralph Sewell for his service to the journalism profession of this state and wishing him a great retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ralph Sewell began his career as a journalist by working part-time for the Biloxi, Mississippi, newspaper while in high school, joining The Daily Oklahoman in 1934 and moving to the State Capitol beat in 1942, later becoming city editor and assistant managing editor for the Oklahoma City Times and Daily Oklahoman; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Sewell earned his journalism degree from the University of Oklahoma and later earned a law degree by attending night classes at Oklahoma City University before joining the faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1973, where he helped many of the current Oklahoma journalists prepare for careers covering politics and public affairs; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Sewell cofounded the Oklahoma Press Association's Capitol News Bureau, which he operated for several years as a unique laboratory for university students interested in statehouse reporting careers; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Sewell is retiring at the age of 93 after a distinguished 68-year career as a legend in the State Capitol Press Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes and honors the accuracy, fairness, and appreciation for detail Ralph Sewell has brought to the journalism profession and wishes to show its appreciation for the 68 years Ralph Sewell has devoted to his work.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature wishes to honor Ralph Sewell for his 68 years of service to journalism and to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature wishes Ralph Sewell the best for his retirement years.

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

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