

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1043

By: Leist

AS INTRODUCED

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

WHEREAS, the greatness of Oklahoma is founded upon the contributions of dedicated public servants who work to improve the quality of life of Oklahoma citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mark S. 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, the contribution of Mark S. Coleman is measured best, not so much in the number of years, but rather to his dedication to work, in his commitment to excellence, his selfless public service and his overall distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Mark S. Coleman 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, under the leadership of Mark S. Coleman, the Department of Environmental Quality has flourished and has been established as a state agency dedicated to protecting our state's environment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has reaped a bountiful harvest from such an extraordinary Oklahoman whose contributions to the citizens of this state, in particular in the field of environmental policy and program, are worthy of recognition by all citizens of this state.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates and commends Mark S. Coleman for his 32 years of honest, unselfish and distinguished public service to the people of the State of Oklahoma and extends best wishes in his retirement.

THAT the Oklahoma House of representatives officially recognizes the dedication, loyalty, diligence and many other contributions of Mark S. Coleman to this state by providing that a copy of this resolution be inscribed upon the pages of the permanent journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

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