

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 14

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Jones of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring Phillip L. Driskill for his many accomplishments; congratulating him upon his promotion and receiving the Hammer Award; suggesting the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs designate the new wing of the Claremore Veterans Center, "The Phillip L. Driskill Wing"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Phillip L. Driskill is an honorably discharged disabled Vietnam veteran, having served in the United States Army from October 14, 1966, to August 20, 1969. Phillip Driskill has devoted his life to helping other veterans, not only in his employment with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs as a claims officer and Veterans Center Administrator, but also through membership in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and other civic groups promoting veterans programs; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill has been a leader in securing state and federal legislation to enhance and improve benefit programs available to all veterans, and specifically, Oklahoma veterans. Through his participation in the National Association of State Veterans Homes, he has worked with members of Congress to retain and expand services provided through the state homes program and has been a major influence in securing increased federal funds for State Home Grant projects. Phillip Driskill has worked as a team leader to obtain funds, both state and federal, to renovate, expand, or

build state veterans homes throughout the nation, and specifically in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill's perseverance in the pursuit of excellence for the state veterans homes program led him to spearhead an effort to obtain federal and state legislation to permit state veterans homes to participate in sharing agreements with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, permitting participation in federal supply schedule purchasing of supplies and services in prime vendor programs for dietary and medical supplies. These efforts and his initiative to implement a program to obtain prescription drugs through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers for eligible veterans domiciled in state veterans centers has enabled the State of Oklahoma to improve facilities and provide enhanced services to veteran-patients. Phillip Driskill received the prestigious Hammer Award for his efforts in developing this mechanism which allows state veterans homes nationwide to purchase from the federal supply schedule; and

WHEREAS, as Administrator of the Claremore Veterans Center, Phillip Driskill is respected for his leadership and problem-solving abilities. He has been honored with numerous local and state awards from service organizations and public officials throughout Oklahoma. He gives many hours of his own personal time speaking to various organizations, communicating to them the needs of Oklahoma veterans; and

WHEREAS, Phillip Driskill was promoted to a position where he manages statewide programs for Oklahoma's Department of Veterans Affairs in recognition of the outstanding job he has done for 13 years in heading the Claremore medical unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Phillip L. Driskill for his many accomplishments.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Phillip L. Driskill upon his receiving the Hammer Award and his promotion to manage statewide programs for Oklahoma's Department of Veterans Affairs.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature suggests that the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs designate the new wing of the Claremore Veterans Center "The Phillip L. Driskill Wing".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Phillip L. Driskill and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

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