

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 1x

By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending and congratulating Lance Ward for a successful career; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Lance Ward was born in Cordell, Oklahoma, the son of a newspaperman. Lance worked on the Clinton Daily News and the Oklahoma Journal; and

WHEREAS, Lance Ward worked for South Oklahoma City Junior College, which is now known as Oklahoma City Community College. He also worked for the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma (HEACO); and

WHEREAS, Lance Ward joined the staff of the Oklahoma State Senate as an Assistant to Senate President Pro Tempore Marvin York in the early 1980s. Lance returned to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1988 as Election Board Secretary and Secretary of the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Lance Ward designed and implemented the first statewide election system in the nation. Ward successfully launched the system which was the concept of his predecessor Lee Slater. Due to Ward's excellent management of the system, it has become a nationally recognized model for other states to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Lance Ward is Chair of a national task force on election reform and has presented the findings of the task force to a commission headed by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. Lance has been invited to speak all over the nation because

of the widespread positive recognition Oklahoma's election system has received. Florida and other states are now considering the adoption of what is now known as the "Oklahoma Model"; and

WHEREAS, Lance Ward, Secretary of the State Election Board and Secretary of the Oklahoma State Senate, retired August 1, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Lance Ward for his many years of successful service to Oklahoma education, the State Senate, and the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Lance Ward well upon the occasion of his retirement from state service.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Lance Ward and his wife, Sharon Ward.

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