

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 38

By: Haney

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution extending a warm Oklahoma welcome to the Rotarian Group Study Exchange Team from Australia; offering them every opportunity for an exceptional educational experience; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1965, the Rotarian Group Study Exchange (GSE) has provided grants for countless teams of men and women in the early stages of their business and professional careers to travel abroad and share vocational information with representatives of their respective professions in another country. Team members spend four to six weeks studying the host country's institutions, economy, and culture, while observing how their own professions are practiced abroad. More than 500 exchanges between paired Rotary districts occur each year, and upon return to their country the team members are required to give presentations to schools, community groups, and other area organizations. This year the Northwest Oklahoma City Rotary Club is hosting a Group Study Exchange Team from Australia; and

WHEREAS, Rotarian Team Leader Gordon Robert King of Alstonville is a retired psychologist and university teacher. He currently chairs "Lifeline Northern Rivers", an organization which provides crisis telephone counseling 24 hours a day while offering opportunities for counselor training. He is a Life Member of the Youth Hostels Association and a member of the National Trust, an

organization that works to conserve natural and architectural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Michael "Mick" Smith of Ballina-on-Richmond is a detective senior-constable. He investigates serious crimes, supervises a Tactical Response Group, and regularly competes in the Australian Police Games; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Williams is a police officer from Byron Bay. She has a teaching background and wants to explore the areas of special education and child protection. Her hobbies include hiking and photography, and she is interested in Oklahoma's "cowboy" tradition; and

WHEREAS, Philip Brennan of Grafton is Finance Manager of Pristine Waters Council, a rural governmental authority. He has a graduate degree in local government management and is a member of several professional organizations. A triathlete, Philip plays field hockey and golf. He is interested in local government and native culture in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Kathie Barratt of Tenterfield works in an insurance agency. She also breeds cattle and, with her husband, operates Wheelvile Murray Grey Stud. She excels in volleyball, enjoys swimming, and likes to work with animals.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends a warm Oklahoma welcome to the Rotarian Group Study Exchange Team from Australia.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers the Rotarian Group Study Exchange Team from Australia every opportunity to make their stay in Oklahoma an exceptional educational experience.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Susan C. Bossert, GSE Team Coordinator for the Club and District Level of the Northwest Oklahoma City Rotary Club; Rotarian GSE Team Leader Gordon

Robert King; Detective Senior-Constable Michael "Mick" Smith;
Victoria Williams; Philip Brennan; and Kathie Barratt.

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