

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 39

By: Horner

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating Cassandra Gaines upon her selection to receive the Maxine Cissel Horner Spirit of Community Excellence Award for 2002; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines, Multicultural Events Coordinator of the office of Muskogee Convention and Tourism, will receive the Maxine Cissel Horner Spirit of Community Excellence Award for 2002 for her outstanding community service to the City of Muskogee and the State of Oklahoma. Ms. Gaines has been actively involved in tourism in Northeastern Oklahoma since 1982. She was recently appointed by the Mayor and the City Manager of Muskogee to be the Manager of the newly renovated Roxy Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines has been responsible for the Oklahoma Landmark Conferences held in Muskogee, featuring such celebrities as Editor in Chief of Essence Magazine, Susan Taylor; world-renowned actor, Danny Glover; Oklahoma Historian, John Hope Franklin; and former National Basketball Association (NBA) basketball star and entrepreneur, Magic Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines has overseen a number of cultural events, including the 1996 Rosa Parks Tour, 1998 Harlem Globetrotters, 1999 Historical Black-Towns Tours, 1999-2000 Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 1999 Family Heritage Tour, (2000-2001) Undo Racism Day, and the 1999-2001 Martin Luther King, Jr., Parade and Birthday Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines is the Editor and Marketing Consultant for Black Meeting and Tourism magazine; freelance contributing writer for the Muskogee Daily Phoenix; and freelance writer for Precious Time Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines is a member of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma Heritage Association, and the National Association of Black Meeting Planners and International Tours Association; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Gaines has been honored with a number of awards, including the 1998 Woman of the Year by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 1998 Honors from Families of Murdered Children, 1999 Journal Record Women of the Year of the Top 50 Women in Oklahoma, 1999 Woman of the Year by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 2000 recipient of the National TIA Award of Heritage Tourism, 2002 Citation from the Lieutenant Governor on Heritage Tourism, and was featured in articles in ExcellStyle and Essence magazines.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Cassandra Gaines upon her selection to receive the Maxine Cissel Horner Spirit of Community Excellence Award for 2002.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Cassandra Gaines.

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