

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 47

By: Morgan, Hobson, Aldridge,
Branan, Brogdon, Cain,
Capps, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap,
Easley (Mary), Fair,
Fisher, Ford, Gumm,
Harrison, Helton, Horner,
Johnson, Kerr, Laster,
Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich
(Debbe), Lerblance,
Littlefield, Maddox,
Milacek, Monson, Myers,
Nichols, Price, Pruitt,
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson,
Williams and Williamson

A Resolution commending the work of Tulsa County Court Clerk Sally Howe Smith; praising her innovations and technical expertise; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Sally Howe Smith, daughter of a prominent Tulsa attorney, began work at the Tulsa County Court Clerk's office in January 1971. She served as First Deputy Court Clerk from February 1988 to January 1993 when she assumed the position of Tulsa County Court Clerk. In this position Sally Howe Smith has been an unofficial advisor to those in state government with questions about the operations of the county court system; and

WHEREAS, Sally Howe Smith has been active professionally with the County Clerks Association, serving on the Criminal Community Sentencing Committee, Drug Courts Committee, and Oklahoma County Information Systems (OCIS) Programming Committee, as well as Chairing the OCIS Steering Committee. She has also been an active member of the Downtown Tulsa Kiwanis Club and has recently acted as Honorary Chair of a fund-raising event to benefit research into Crohn's Disease; and

WHEREAS, Sally Howe Smith has been an innovator in the Tulsa County Court Clerk's office. Under her leadership, the scanning of marriage licenses has been implemented as well as that of notary public commissions. She has assisted the Oklahoma Supreme Court in efforts to solve computer problems after a mainframe computer system that was not Y2K compliant forced the county court clerk's office to adopt a new system; and

WHEREAS, Sally Howe Smith has improved the working conditions of her office for the benefit of her employees and the public. She has continually addressed the issue of available space for the Tulsa County Court Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, Sally Howe Smith is well-known for her tolerance and patience, even temperament, and her willingness to be available to help any and all. Her reputation as an experienced professional possessing sound judgment is widespread not just throughout Tulsa County and the judicial community, but throughout the entire State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Sally Howe Smith for her diligent and outstanding work as Tulsa County Court Clerk.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Sally Howe Smith for her innovations and technical expertise in updating and modernizing the Tulsa County court system.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Tulsa County Court Clerk Sally Howe Smith.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate