

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 49

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

A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator Sam Helton for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Sam Helton is completing his thirteenth year of service to the citizens of Senate District 31 in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Sam Helton was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, on August 31, 1954, to Joseph Samuel and Vallene Deloris (Baker) Helton. He is married to Patricia Ann (Kendall) and is the father of Randy, Christopher and Kayla and the grandfather of Kelsie and Avery. He attended Cameron University and Great Plains Technology Center, received an associate degree in criminal justice from Western Oklahoma State College and will soon receive a bachelor's degree in business management from Mid-America Christian University. He also served with distinction in law enforcement for many years; and

WHEREAS, Sam Helton was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1992, and currently serves as chair of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Communications and as Majority Whip. He served for several years as chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety. In large part due to his efforts, veterans in southwest Oklahoma will benefit for decades to come from the services provided by the new veterans center in Lawton; and

WHEREAS, State Question 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for members of the Legislature to a total of twelve years and as a result thereof, Senator Sam Helton will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sam Helton will long be remembered as a champion of those who have served our state and nation in uniform, whether in the military or in law enforcement, and his steadfast

leadership and efforts to focus the attention of the Legislature thereto will be missed.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of Senate District 31 and all citizens of this state, expresses its gratitude to Senator Sam Helton for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Sam Helton.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate