ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 68

By: Cain, Aldridge, Branan, Brogdon, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap, Easley (Mary), Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gumm, Harrison, Helton, Hobson, 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 commending Brenda E. Price for her service to the Oklahoma State Senate; wishing her well upon the occasion of her retirement from the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Brenda Elaine Price, teacher, attorney, and chef extraordinaire, joined the Oklahoma State Senate staff in January 1983 and has served as a staff attorney for the last 21 years. Prior to coming to the Senate, Brenda was employed by Jones, White and Beck, Inc., and by Kerr McGee Corporation. She also has extensive experience as a teacher specializing in Spanish and French languages and student counseling; and

WHEREAS, Brenda is licensed to practice law in the State of Oklahoma and is an active member of the Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA), serving as Vice-Chair of the 1998 OBA's Mentor Committee. Brenda's scholarly article, "Comparing NAFTA and GATT: Implications for State and Local Laws", appeared in the OBA journal and highlighted her expertise on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) issues. Brenda helped plan, moderate and present "Laws and Sausages", a continuing legal education seminar that Senate staff attorneys conducted for the OBA on the legislative process. Brenda was instrumental in restarting the Oklahoma State Offices of General Counsel Forum, an organization formed to improve communication and expertise among state government lawyers, and served as the Forum's newsletter editor; and

WHEREAS, Brenda handled several committee assignments, specializing in health and human services. She authored and has continuously updated the Senate Staff Bill Drafting Manual. Brenda also worked with the National Conference of State Legislatures, reviewing legislation in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, Brenda was instrumental in the Senate's implementation of the guidelines associated with the federal Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA) relative to employment issues. Brenda served as an appointed member of the Senate Service Staff Employees Handbook, policies and procedures committee; and

WHEREAS, Brenda, after many years of service to the Oklahoma State Senate, is retiring from her position as a Senate staff attorney to pursue her dream of a career in the culinary arts, an area where she has already demonstrated outstanding expertise, by attending a school in Portland, Oregon.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends, recognizes and thanks Brenda E. Price for her outstanding service to the Legislature.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Brenda well upon the occasion of her retirement from the Committee Staff and encourages her in her future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Brenda E. Price.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of May, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate