

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1009

By: Covey

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Dee Ann Ray for her service as a librarian in the state and wishing her a great retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dee Ann Ray graduated from the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma Library School where she was a member of Beta Phi Mu, the professional library honor society; and

WHEREAS, Dee Ann Ray began her career as a librarian by working as a field librarian with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries from 1960 to 1963, from there she joined the Missouri State Library as the Director of Demonstration Services from 1964 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Dee Ann Ray moved to the Western Plains Library System, where she has served until this year as the first and only Director of the library system; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Dee Ann Ray has been actively involved in the Oklahoma Library Association serving as Chair of the Sequoyah Children's Book Award Committee, Chair of the Membership Committee, a member of the Recruitment Committee, Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Treasurer, first Vice President and President-elect, President, Chair of the Interlibrary Loan Code Committee, Chair of the Library Development Committee, Chair of the Publicity Committee and Chair of the Humanities Committee and being honored for her service in 1974 with the Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Dee Ann Ray has been involved in many other professional library activities, including serving on the Steering Committee of the Governor's Conference on Libraries in 1978 and on the Planning Committee for the Oklahoma Image Project, which was selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities grant recipient; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her involvement in professional library activities, Dee Ann Ray served on the Board of the Oklahoma Historical Society from 1987 to 1996 and 1998 to 2001 and received the Stanley Draper Distinguished Service Award in 1982 from the Oklahoma Heritage Association for her outstanding work in the preservation of state and local history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her other achievements, Dee Ann Ray has been honored as the 1974 First Lady of the Year by the Beta Sigma Phi Society of Clinton, Oklahoma, she was voted Clinton's Woman of the Year in 1977, she received a Paul Harris Rotary Fellowship from the Clinton Rotarians and Rotary Anns in 1982, and she is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Clinton Centennial Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dee Ann Ray will retire from the Western Plains Library System on May 31, 2003, after 37 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dee Ann Ray has had a long and distinguished career as a librarian and has provided years of dedicated service to the library profession, the City of Clinton, and the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes to honor Dee Ann Ray for her many years of service to the Western Plains Library System, the library profession, and to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes Dee Ann Ray the best for her retirement years.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dee Ann Ray,
the Western Plains Library System, and the Oklahoma Library
Association.

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