

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1034:

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A Resolution honoring and commending George G. Humphreys for distinguished service to the Legislature and the State of Oklahoma; wishing George G. Humphreys a happy and fulfilling future; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, today, February 26, 2004, George Humphreys will be leaving his post as Research Director of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to become the Director of the Muhlenberg Campus of the Madisonville Community College in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, George began his public service career with the Oklahoma Legislative Council in January 1979 and with the Oklahoma House of Representatives in August 1980. He moved into his present position as Research Director in 1985; and

WHEREAS, while working diligently at the House, George Humphreys found the time to work toward and attain the degree of Ph.D. in European History from the University of Oklahoma and ever since that time has been more than willing to share lengthy detailed anecdotes about French history to anyone willing to listen; and

WHEREAS, in addition, George Humphreys has made outstanding contributions to Oklahoma through his dedicated work, his level of leadership and his efforts to make Oklahoma government more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the House of Representatives, George Humphreys has made significant contributions to the recording of the history of the State of Oklahoma, as well as of the State Legislature. George's book, Oklahoma Politics and Policies:

Governing the Sooner State, was recognized as the Best Nonfiction Book in 1991 by the Oklahoma Center for the Book. His publication, A Century To Remember: A Historical Perspective on the Oklahoma House of Representatives, was selected as a "notable state document" by the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, Casey Stengal once said, "There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who ask 'What happened?'" ; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 25 years of service, George has never been one to quietly or idly watch things happen but was always deeply involved in legislative milestones. He was actively involved in ethics, election law and campaign reform, state administrative rules and administrative law reform, state personnel policy, governmental reorganization and tobacco funding; and

WHEREAS, George served the state above and beyond his responsibilities as Research Director. He served as Vice President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, and as Chair of the Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of Oklahoma concedes the loss of George G. Humphreys to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as we are all asking ourselves, "What happened?"; and

WHEREAS, George G. Humphreys will be greatly missed by the many friends and associates he has worked with in the State of Oklahoma.

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

THAT the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives are proud to honor and commend one of the Legislature's most distinguished servants, George G. Humphreys.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes George G. Humphreys success, health and happiness in his future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives as a permanent record.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to George G. Humphreys where it is hoped it will be received as a symbol of appreciation, good wishes, and affection extended by the House of Representatives and its staff.

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