

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1047:

Adair

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending the career of Eastern Oklahoma Development District Rural Fire Coordinator Ernie Ledbetter; wishing Ernie Ledbetter well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter was hired as Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD) Rural Fire Coordinator on October 7, 1985, after serving twenty years on the Okmulgee Fire Department and retiring as Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter during his tenure with EODD organized forty-six new fire departments and reorganized ten departments that had ceased functioning; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter's job duties at EODD included assisting with grants and providing technical assistance to the one hundred and one fire departments in EODD's District which includes Adair, Cherokee, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter has assisted these various departments in obtaining over Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) in grants. His technical assistance has lowered the ISO rates one hundred twenty times which has saved the citizens several million dollars in annual insurance premiums with insurance savings in the amount of over Nineteen Million Dollars (\$19,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter is well known and well respected throughout EODD and the State of Oklahoma. He has made his presence known at the State Capitol where he has worked tirelessly to assist numerous elected officials with legislation that has resulted in better working conditions, funding, vehicle insurance, workers' compensation and pension benefits for the paid, as well as the volunteer, fire departments; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter's professional career has benefited the residents of EODD and the citizens of this state for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Ledbetter will retire at the end of 2004.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the career of Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD) Rural Fire Coordinator Ernie Ledbetter.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes Ernie Ledbetter well upon the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2004.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ernie Ledbetter and Bruce Mahaffey, Executive Director of the Eastern Oklahoma Development District.

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