

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 14

By: Hobson, Capps and  
Crutchfield

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution commending Donna Lee Shirley upon her many accomplishments; congratulating her upon the occasion of being inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Donna Lee Shirley, a native Oklahoman, spent her early years in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, and is renowned for her outstanding accomplishments in many professional endeavors. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional (technical) Writing and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Mechanical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. Donna Shirley also earned a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California. She has been awarded three honorary doctorates; and

WHEREAS, Donna Shirley was a flight instructor and then specification writer and aerodynamicist at McDonnell Aircraft before going to work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) at Cal Tech in Pasadena, California, where she worked from 1966 through 1998. She managed the team that built Sojourner Truth, the Microrover, which was landed by the Mars Pathfinder project on the surface of Mars. Donna Shirley was Manager of the Mars Exploration Program when she retired from JPL in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Donna Shirley serves currently as Assistant Dean of Engineering for Advanced Program Development at the University of Oklahoma. She is the official Project Spokesperson for the Mars

Millennium Project. Donna Shirley is also President of Managing Creativity, providing speaking, consulting, and training on the subject of the management of creative teams. She authored the books "Managing Martians" and "Managing Creativity", as well as over 50 technical publications; and

WHEREAS, Donna Lee Shirley is the recipient of several National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) group achievement awards including those for her work on the 1973 Mariner 10 mission to Venus and Mercury and the 1985 Space Station Task Force. She has been awarded a NASA Leadership Medal; the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Holley Award, membership in the American Academy of Achievement, plus induction into the Women In Technology International Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame. Donna Shirley was inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 27, 2003.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Donna Lee Shirley upon her many accomplishments as an aerospace engineer, author, manager, educator, speaker, consultant, and trainer.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Donna Lee Shirley upon the occasion of being inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Donna Lee Shirley.

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