

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 27

By: Fisher

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A Resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to Jan McMullen upon the occasion of her retirement from the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1982 a young mother of two pulled up to the Oklahoma State Capitol in a 1970s-vintage Opel station wagon to begin a new job as the Committee Coordinator for the Senate Natural Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2003 a still-young grandmother of three will pull away from the Capitol, hopefully not for the last time, as she retires as Director of the Senate Committee Staff; and

WHEREAS, Janice Hoefffer Young McMullen has served the Senate with never-failing good cheer, despite often experiencing overwhelming pressure to succumb to cynicism, desperation and despondency; and

WHEREAS, Jan has served on the Senate Committee Staff during the terms of five Governors, five Presidents Pro Tempore, ten Minority Floor Leaders and 122 members of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, during the twenty-one regular sessions of the Legislature for which Jan has been on the Senate staff, 11,792 Senate bills have been introduced, 3,386 of which were enacted into law, and many of which were originally drafted in longhand on yellow legal pads before the staff was equipped with computers; and

WHEREAS, although her many successes at the Senate have been immensely gratifying to Jan, her heart has always been with her children, Kristin Howald and Dr. Erik Young; and

WHEREAS, Jan allowed her many friends at the Senate to share in the joy of her marriage in October 2001 to her childhood sweetheart, Ron McMullen, and also to share with her the fear and relief during her subsequent successful battle with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Jan McMullen exemplifies the characteristics prized in a member of the Senate staff, including, but not limited to, integrity, intelligence, empathy, tenacity, and the ability to continue working despite chronic sleep deprivation, and her expertise and ever-present smile will be missed by all.

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

THAT the staff and members of the Oklahoma State Senate hereby express their gratitude and appreciation to Jan McMullen upon the bittersweet occasion of her retirement, and send with Jan and Ron all the best wishes for happiness and health in the continuation of their journey.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jan McMullen.

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