

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 100

By: Morgan, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Barrington, Bass,
Branan, Brogdon, Capps,
Coates, Coffee, Corn,
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
Eason McIntyre, Fisher,
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,
Harrison, Hobson, Johnson
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(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,
Lawler, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Mazzei, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt,
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator Bernest Cain for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator Bernest Cain is completing his twenty-eighth year of service to the citizens of District 46 in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Bernest H. Cain, Jr., was born in Oklahoma City on February 8, 1949, the son of Bernest Houston and Helen (Evans) Cain. He graduated from Texas College of Theology with a Th.G. in 1970; from Oklahoma Baptist University with a B.A. in 1973; and from the University of Oklahoma with a Masters in Public Administration in 1980 and a J.D. in 1988. Bernest Cain, a teacher, lawyer and businessman, is married to Dr. Joan Parkhurst and is the father of Melissa Sarah and Bryn Helen; and

WHEREAS, Bernest Cain was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1978. Senator Cain serves as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services, Chair of the Health and Human Resources Committee, and Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Cain has also served as Vice Chair of the State-Federal Assembly of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, State Question No. 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for members of the Legislature to a total of twelve years; and as a result thereof, Senator Cain will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frost, who once said that he never dared to be radical when young for fear that he would become conservative when old, never knew Bernest Cain. Whenever Bernest Cain rose on the Senate floor with a microphone in his hand, everyone could expect a heartfelt appeal on behalf of the less fortunate of our society, regardless of the prevailing political winds. His persistent and consistent voice of liberalism and his belief in the ability of government to improve the lives of its citizens have frequently balanced opposing viewpoints and will be missed in his absence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of Senate District 46 and all citizens of this state, expresses its gratitude to Senator Bernest Cain for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Bernest Cain.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate