

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 124

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

A Resolution thanking Larry Cottingham for his service to the Oklahoma State Senate; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham was born January 13, 1945, in Hobart, Oklahoma. Larry graduated from Hobart High School and joined the Army National Guard the same year. He married his high school sweetheart Caroline the next year in 1964. The couple has two children, Kerri Loncon and Garrett Cottingham; and

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham graduated from Southwestern State University and then worked as the Director of Personnel in Division and Corporate levels of the Kellwood Company; and

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham joined the staff of the Oklahoma State Senate as Assistant Secretary of the Senate in 1989, became Director of Records and Information in 2000, and has held both positions ever since. Time and again he has demonstrated his resourcefulness and maintained a cool and calm demeanor under the most trying of circumstances. He has remained totally unflappable and confident regardless of the challenge, whether parliamentary or mechanical; and

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham took a leading role in designing and manufacturing the microphone cases presented to retiring state senators. Larry has also held the unofficial position of Senate in-house car maintenance and home improvement advisor; and

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham has represented the Oklahoma State Senate in the professional organization of the American Society of

Legislative Clerks and Secretaries. During the past decade and a half he has served on the Newsletter Committee, Site Selection Committee, Program Development Committee, Technology and Innovation Committee, Professional Journal Committee, and Inside the Legislative Process Committee. He has also served as Associate Vice Chair of the Technology and Innovation Committee, Vice Chair of the Legislative Administrators, Vice Chair of Support Staff Committee, Associate Vice Chair of the Professional Journal, and Committee Co-Chair of Legislative Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Larry Cottingham retired in 2005 with the rank of Warrant Officer 4 from the 90th Troop Command of the Army National Guard. He is now planning to retire from the Oklahoma State Senate staff to spend more time with his family, designing water gardens, restoring Corvettes, woodworking, and traveling.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Larry Cottingham for his devotion to duty and his many years of faithful service to the Oklahoma State Senate as Assistant Secretary of the Senate and Director of Records and Information.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Larry Cottingham well upon the occasion of his forthcoming retirement as Assistant Secretary of the Senate and Director of Records and Information.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Assistant Secretary of the Senate and Director of Records and Information Larry Cottingham.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate