

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Lerblance, Adelson,
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Coates, Coffee, Corn,
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,
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Harrison, Hobson, Johnson,
Jolley, Justice, Kerr,
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,
Lawler, Leftwich, Mazzei,
Monson, Morgan, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt,
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution expressing appreciation to Bob Craig;
wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement
from full-time service to the Senate; and directing
distribution.

WHEREAS, Bob Craig was born on September 19, 1946, in McAlester,
Oklahoma, the son of D.E. and Verneda Craig; and

WHEREAS, Bob Craig first stepped into the public spotlight as a
star athlete. After graduating from McAlester High School, where he
received many accolades for his achievements on the gridiron, Bob
attended the University of Oklahoma where he anchored the offensive
line and was a member of the University of Oklahoma Orange Bowl
Championship team that defeated Tennessee in January 1968; and

WHEREAS, Bob Craig came to the Oklahoma State Senate nearly
thirty-five years ago, working as a parking lot attendant during the
legislative session and for the Department of Transportation during
the interim. In 1980 he became a full-time Senate employee as
Sergeant-at-Arms. As Chief Sergeant, Bob has been responsible for
the security of Oklahoma's State Senators, Senate employees, and the
space and property in the State Capitol under Senate jurisdiction.
His major concern has always been the well-being, safety and
security of the members and their staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the Oklahoma State Senate's
Chief Sergeant, Bob Craig held the position of Director of
Administration, a position entrusting him to oversee the orderly
flow of travel and insurance claims, contracts, supplies, and the

smooth operation of the Oklahoma State Senate on the floor of the Chamber, in Senate offices, and throughout the State Capitol or wherever Senate business was being transacted; and

WHEREAS, Bob's distinguished service to the Oklahoma State Senate and to the people of the State of Oklahoma has been made possible because of the qualities he has personified: loyalty, dedication, discretion and sincere concern for all. To Bob, everyone was "Pard", a term he frequently used in his unmistakable southeastern Oklahoma dialect; and

WHEREAS, Bob Craig has further served the State of Oklahoma through his active membership on a number of boards and commissions, serving for years on the Employee Assistance Program Advisory Council, the State Capitol Preservation Commission, and the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission; and

WHEREAS, within the State Capitol confines Bob Craig has been an invaluable resource to anyone in need of a friend; and

WHEREAS, Bob Craig has retired as Director of Administrative Services of the Oklahoma State Senate effective October 1, 2004, although he will continue in the position of Chief Sergeant-at-Arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby expresses its appreciation to Bob Craig for his commitment to the Senate, to public service, to those in need of help and friendship at the State Capitol and elsewhere, and to his wife, Lisa, and his children, Jacob and Sarah.

THAT the members of the Oklahoma State Senate wish their "Pard", Bob Craig, well upon the occasion of his retirement from full-time service to the Senate and remain confident that the institution of the Senate will be enriched by his continued service as Chief Sergeant-at-Arms.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bob Craig.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of February, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate