

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1023

By: Nations

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the contributions and leadership of Dr. Ronald O. Gilcher; expressing sincere appreciation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald O. Gilcher, MD, FACP, began his medical career at the Central Blood Bank of Pittsburg where he was coinventor of the surgical cell salvage device; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilcher performed his first therapeutic plasma exchange on a dying patient using only a syringe in which he spent all night manually exchanging plasma on the patient; and

WHEREAS, the therapeutic plasma exchange was successful and led Dr. Gilcher to work with several companies to develop and build apheresis machines; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilcher became director of the fledgling Oklahoma Blood Institute in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilcher has transformed the Oklahoma Blood Institute into the nation's sixth largest community blood center which has been on the cutting edge of blood center innovation and blood supply safety for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career, Dr. Gilcher has led the charge for increased safety in the nation's blood supply and Oklahomans have benefited from Dr. Gilcher's commitment by having the safest and highest quality blood supply in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilcher is a visionary with equal enthusiasm for learning and teaching and has authored hundreds of published abstracts and articles and has given countless speeches around the globe.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby expresses sincere appreciation to Dr. Ronald O. Gilcher for his visionary leadership as President, CEO and Medical Director of the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

THAT a copy of this Resolution be distributed to Dr. Gilcher and to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

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