

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1065

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring Dr. Paul G. Risser, Chancellor for Higher Education for his many contributions to the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul G. Risser, a native of Blackwell, Oklahoma, has served as Chancellor for Higher Education for three years; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser holds a doctorate in botany and soils and, as a distinguished research scientist, has published more than 100 scientific papers and six books; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser has served as president of three prestigious scientific organizations and served as chair of three committees of the National Academies of Science including, at present the committee studying the environmental impacts of wind energy; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser serves as chair of the Science Committee of the Smithsonian National History Museum in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser has provided leadership in Oklahoma and nationally by serving on many boards and committees including, the Governor's Council on Economic and Workforce Development, the Achieving Classroom Excellence Task Force, State Higher Education Executive Officers, and the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser is the first Chancellor for Higher Education to have held the presidency of two national universities; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser has led a public agenda to address Oklahoma's need for better prepared students, more college graduates and a well-developed workforce through initiatives that include cooperative alliance with career technology centers, a statewide accelerated adult degree completion program and a web-based student information portal; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Risser has developed partnerships with the Department of Commerce, the Department of Career and Technology Education and the Employment Security Commission to address economic development and workforce needs in Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors Chancellor Paul G. Risser for his many contributions to Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives offers their sincerest appreciation for the dedication of Chancellor Risser to education in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives praises Chancellor Risser for his efforts in developing community and leadership.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Chancellor Paul G. Risser.

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