STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 16 By: Jolley of the Senate

and

Newport of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Father Ken Armstrong for his 25 years of service in the Episcopal Priesthood; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Armstrong was born in Okemah, Oklahoma, on January 22, 1946, the son of Jack Armstrong and Betty Duncan Armstrong. He married E. Ann Johnson on May 21, 1972, nearly 30 years ago. The couple has two sons and one daughter; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Armstrong received his Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Business Administration from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, in 1978 and his Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong was Vicar of St. Mark's Church in Hugo, Oklahoma, and Minister-in-Charge of St. James Church in Antlers, Oklahoma, from 1979 to 1982. Reverend Armstrong was Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ada, Oklahoma, from 1982 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Father Armstrong has been Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, since 1991. In 1992 Father Armstrong appointed a Long-Range Planning Committee charged with gathering information and formulating plans to provide for a physical plant to meet the congregation's needs as it approached a second century of service and worship in Ponca City. In the spring of 1997, the Christian Education Center was dedicated, and by the

end of summer, the new parking lot was paved, the sprinkler system installed, landscaping completed, and installation of stained glass windows had begun. The church celebrated its centennial in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong currently serves on the Diocesan level as Chair of the Clergy Continuing Education Committee, as Oklahoma's Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, as Chair and Examiner in Liturgics on the Board of Examining Chaplains, on the Commission on Ministry, on Saint Crispin's Conference Center Board, and as cochair of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong's previous positions on the Diocesan level include President of the Standing Committee; President of Saint Chrispin's Conference Center Board; service on the Executive Council, Diocesan Council, Committee on Indian Work, and College Work Commission; Diocesan Spiritual Director of the Oklahoma Cursillo Secretariat; Dean of the Southeast Region; Diocesan Chaplain of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew; Chair of Dispatch of Business; Chair of Nominations Receiving; Legislative Chair of Diocesan Convention; and Trustee of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong has held positions on the Provincial level including the Provincial Commission of Ministry and four terms as a Delegate to Province VII Synod. On the regional level, he served as Dean of the Southeast Region for two terms and is currently Dean of the Northwest Region; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong on the national level has served on the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest Board of Trustees, four terms as Delegate and four times as Deputy to the General Convention (chairing Oklahoma's diocesan deputation in 1997, 2000, and 2003), as Alternate Deputy in the previous two General Conventions, and as a member of the Legislative Committee for Ecumenical Relations; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Kenneth L. Armstrong will celebrate his 25th anniversary in the Episcopalian Priesthood on March 25, 2005.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates Father Ken Armstrong for his 25 years of service in the Episcopalian Priesthood and commends him for his quarter century of service to his church.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Father Ken L. Armstrong and his wife, Ann Johnson Armstrong.

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