

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 101

By: Hobson

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A Resolution thanking Dr. J. Donald Capra for his accomplishments as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Vermont native J. Donald Capra received his BS and MD from the University of Vermont. He held research fellowships at the National Institutes of Health and Rockefeller University, and was Professor of Microbiology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York; and

WHEREAS, after 23 years at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Capra, who was the Edwin L. Cox Distinguished Chair in Immunology and Genetics and had served as Professor of Microbiology and Internal Medicine and Director of the Southwestern Medical Center, accepted the position as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in 1997. In addition to serving as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, he also served as Head of the Molecular Immunogenetics Research Program at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation; and

WHEREAS, J. Donald Capra during his nine years as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation increased the funding from the National Institutes of Health from \$8 million in 1997 to \$27.4 million in 2005. He led a \$100 million campaign that was completed in 2004 and a second \$100 million drive that began last year. The scientific faculty has grown by more than a third, and the graduate

student population has doubled. During his tenure as President, two important drugs, Xigris and Ceprotin, were developed at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Under his guidance, researchers at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation have been successful in obtaining grants, publishing scientific papers, and excelling in research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Donald Capra has announced his retirement as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation on May 1, 2006. He will continue his work as a scientific researcher mentoring immunology studies in Oklahoma and investigating anthrax.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Dr. J. Donald Capra for his many accomplishments as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and honors his distinguished scientific career.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Dr. J. Donald Capra continued success upon the occasion of his retirement as President of the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. J. Donald Capra.

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