

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE  
RESOLUTION 66

By: Jolley

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution mourning the loss of Chancellor Emeritus of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Dr. Hans Brisch; offering condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Hans Brisch was born on January 25, 1940, in Kaiserslautern, Germany, to Erna ("Omi") and Johann Brisch. At the age of 17, Dr. Brisch came to the United States, arriving on April 23, 1957, alone and with \$51 in his pocket. He worked as a houseboy, dishwasher, and grocery clerk while attending high school in at Kansas City, Missouri's East High School; and

WHEREAS, Hans Brisch earned his Bachelor's degree from Park College in Kansas City, Missouri, with a major in Political Science with Honors and minor in Chemistry. He graduated in 1964, the same year he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States. Dr. Brisch earned his Masters Degree and doctorate in Political Science from the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hans Brisch began his career in higher education with numerous teaching and administrative positions as well as special honors including selection as a Fulbright Fellow in 1969. It culminated in 1987 with his selection as Chancellor for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The selection process took a year and Dr. Brisch was selected from more than 100 applicants. As Chancellor not only did he administer, manage, and coordinate a higher education system composed of 25 state colleges and universities, nine constituent agencies, two higher education

centers, and independent colleges and universities, he was an innovator focusing on student preparation with programs such as GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) and EPAS (Educational Planning and Assessment System), a scholarship program that encouraged responsible behavior, and an emphasis on research that garnered contributions from outside the state. He retired in 2003 after having served the second-longest tenure as Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and was named Chancellor Emeritus upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Hans Brisch died Wednesday, February 22, 2006, at the age of sixty-six.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the loss of Dr. Hans Brisch, Chancellor Emeritus of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, an outstanding leader in higher education, and an inspirational example of fulfilling the American Dream.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers its most heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and former coworkers of Dr. Hans Brisch, Chancellor Emeritus of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Hans Brisch's widow, Dr. Margaret Gatton Brisch and his three children, Ellen, Matthew, and Megan.

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