STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 98 By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution thanking Ken Levit for his service as President of the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa; wishing him well as Executive Director of the George Kaiser Family Foundation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Levit, a Tulsa, Oklahoma, native, graduated from Holland Hall in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received his BA degree from Brown University in 1987, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with degrees in Public Policy and Russian Studies. Mr. Levit was Senior Editor of the "Yale Law Journal" and earned his Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School in 1994. He then served as a law clerk for United States District Judge Terry C. Kern before joining the law firm of Crowe and Dunlevy in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1995. Ken Levit served as Senior Counsel and Director of Business Development at Williams Communications, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ken Levit worked for United States Senator David Boren from 1987 to 1990, serving as Press Secretary and Campaign Manager for Senator Boren's successful 1990 reelection bid. He also served as Special Counsel to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 1998-2000, where he advised Director George Tenet on various matters, including technology policy, declassification of historical records, and developments related to the Middle East. A Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, he chaired the Homeland Security Task Force for the State of Oklahoma in 2001-2002. Mr. Levit served on Governor Brad Henry's transition team; and

WHEREAS, Ken Levit was named the second President of the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa on September 1, 2001. He also served

the University of Oklahoma system as Senior Vice President. During his four-and-one-half-year tenure as President the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa, enrollment grew 48%, the number of faculty members rose 76%, and outside research funding increased to $4.68 million a year. Construction projects worth $74 million have begun, and the Early Childhood Institute was created. On April 15, 2006, ground was broken for the $12.2 million Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Levit will be departing as President of the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa on June 1, 2006, to take the position as Executive Director of the George Kaiser Family Foundation, an organization that supported the Early Childhood Institute at the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Ken Levit for his outstanding service as President of the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Ken Levit the best in his new position as Executive Director of the George Kaiser Family Foundation.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Kenneth J. Levit.

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