

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 66

By: Anderson, Adelson,
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Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
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Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,
Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson
(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,
Leftwich, Lerblance,
Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Rabon,
Reynolds, Rice, Riley,
Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilcoxson,
Williamson, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution congratulating Bill and Barbara A. Walter upon their induction into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame; commending their contributions to Hennessey; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, each year since 1971, the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame, located in the Communications Building at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, has recognized Oklahoma journalists who have made outstanding contributions to Oklahoma journalism for at least ten years or to natives of the state who have made outstanding contributions to journalism elsewhere for ten years or more; and

WHEREAS, the "Hennessey Clipper" was first published June 13, 1890. Mabel Walker purchased it in 1914. In 1914 it was combined with the Press-Democrat. Miss Walker's nephew, Arthur Walter, worked for the paper until 1953 when Arthur L. and Jean Walter bought half-interest in the "Hennessey Clipper". In 1977, with the death of Arthur, his son Bill Walter became publisher. In June 1978, Bill Walter's wife Barbara became managing editor of the "Hennessey Clipper"; and

WHEREAS, nine Oklahoma journalists will be honored April 4, 2008, during the 38th annual induction ceremonies of the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Central Oklahoma. Bill and Barbara Walter will be the first husband and wife inducted together into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Barbara A. Walter began her journalism career at Classen High School as a teen correspondent for the Oklahoma City Times. Later, as an employee of the Oklahoma Press Association (OPA), she became editor of OPA's "Publisher". Named managing editor of The "Hennessey Clipper" in 1978, she was later selected as copublisher. Barbara served as President of the OPA 2002-2003 and was the first woman President of the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation, a position she has held since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Bill Walter is a third-generation owner of the "Hennessey Clipper", which has been in his family since 1904. Bill attended Okmulgee A&M Tech and the University of Oklahoma. As a journalism student at OU, he worked at the "Oklahoma Daily". Before his graduation in 1962, he worked at the Alva "Review-Courier" and OBU Press. After working in public relations, he returned to the "Hennessey Clipper" as publisher and editor in 1977.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Bill and Barbara A. Walter upon the occasion of their induction into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Bill and Barbara A. Walter for their dedication to the profession of journalism and their contributions to the Hennessey community.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bill and
Barbara A. Walter.

Adopted by the Senate the 31st day of March, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate