

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 97

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

A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator James A. Williamson for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator James A. Williamson is completing his twelfth year of service to the citizens of District 35 in the Oklahoma State Senate; and

WHEREAS, James Allen Williamson was born in Fort Riley, Kansas, the son of Dwight Allen Williamson and Shirley Lee (Hahn). He graduated from the University of Tulsa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1972 and taught Social Studies in Tulsa Public Schools from 1972 through 1975. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa in 1975. A practicing attorney, James Williamson is a former President of both the Tulsa Jaycees and the Oklahoma Chapter of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation. Senator Williamson and his wife, Sandra, have four children - Joshua, Angela, Kenn, and Andrew; and

WHEREAS, James A. Williamson began his legislative career in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1980 through 1986. In 1996, Senator Williamson was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate from District 35. Since that time, he has served as Assistant Republican Floor Leader and Republican Floor Leader. He is a recipient of the Americans United for Life Defender of Life Award. He currently holds the position of Republican Leader Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, State question No. 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for a member of the Legislature to a total of twelve years, and as a result, Senator Williamson will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

WHEREAS, James A. Williamson's thoughtfulness, intelligence, attention to detail, and commitment to conservative principles are respected by all. His judicious mastery of constitutional law and Senate rules and procedures has set a standard for legislative effectiveness that will no doubt be emulated by many and achieved by few.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of Senate District 35 and all citizens of this state, expresses its gratitude to Senator James A. Williamson for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator James A. Williamson.

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate