

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 14

By: Nichols

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending Colonel Jerry N. Cason;
8 wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement;
9 and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Jerry N. Cason was born on October 12, 1949, in
12 Columbus, Ohio. He served nine years in the United States Army,
13 rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). During his combat
14 service in Vietnam, he earned the National Defense Service Medal,
15 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam
16 Service Medal, Air Medal, Aviation Badge, Republic of Vietnam
17 Gallantry Cross, Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal, and
18 Excellence in Competition (pistol) Badge; and

19 WHEREAS, Jerry Cason began his law enforcement career in 1977
20 with the Lawton Police Department. He joined the Norman Police
21 Department in 1978 and was a member of the pistol team and worked
22 with the Special Operations Unit; and

23 WHEREAS, Jerry Cason graduated from the Oklahoma Highway
24 Patrol's 39th Patrol Academy in 1982 and was assigned to Troop "A"

1 in Cleveland County. A member of the Patrol's tactical team in
2 1984, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant and assigned to the
3 Training Division as supervisor of the Firearms Division in 1988, as
4 well as Commandant of the 44th and 45th Patrol Academies. He was
5 promoted to First Lieutenant and assigned as Public Information
6 Officer in 1991. He was reassigned as the Troop Commander of
7 Training and Commandant of the 46th Patrol Academy in 1992. In 1995
8 he graduated from the 180th National FBI Academy; and

9 WHEREAS, Jerry Cason was promoted to Captain and assigned Zone
10 Commander and Director of Training in 1996 and was promoted to Major
11 and assigned Region Commander in 1998. In 2000, he was promoted to
12 Lieutenant Colonel; in 2003, he served as President of the Oklahoma
13 Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates; and in 2006, he was
14 promoted to the rank of Colonel. Colonel Cason is one of only three
15 Chiefs of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to have been promoted and
16 served in every rank; and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Jerry N. Cason is scheduled to retire from the
18 Oklahoma Highway Patrol on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
20 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Colonel Jerry N. Cason
22 for his many years of dedicated service and thanks him for his long
23 career protecting the people of both this state and our nation.

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Colonel Jerry N. Cason
2 well and every happiness upon the occasion of his retirement from
3 the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Colonel Jerry
5 N. Cason, Chief, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and his wife of 35 years,
6 Dixie.

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