

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 66

By: Anderson of the Senate

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the "Hennessey Clipper" was first published June 13,
19 1890. Mabel Walker purchased it in 1914. In 1914 it was combined
20 with the Press-Democrat. Miss Walker's nephew, Arthur Walter,
21 worked for the paper until 1953 when Arthur L. and Jean Walter
22 bought half-interest in the "Hennessey Clipper". In 1977, with the
23 death of Arthur, his son Bill Walter became publisher. In June
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1 1978, Bill Walter's wife Barbara became managing editor of the
2 "Hennessey Clipper"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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