

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 69

By: Morgan and Coffee

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating the Baptist Village  
8 Retirement Communities of Oklahoma for 50 years of  
9 operating retirement villages; commending BVRC for  
10 their ministry of caring for senior adults; and  
11 directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, in the early 1950s the Baptist General Convention of  
13 Oklahoma (BGCO) began researching the need for providing housing and  
14 health care to older adults. By 1955 they had budgeted funds and  
15 were preparing to launch a new ministry. While many cities vied for  
16 the location of the first site, Hugo, Oklahoma, prevailed through  
17 the sacrifice of Will and Nora Baskett who donated the land, tore up  
18 their feather bed to make pillows, gave 150 hens and all their S&H  
19 green stamps for the first utility carts and made a personal loan.  
20 In 1957 construction was under way on the Hugo Golden Age Home, now  
21 Baptist Village of Hugo, which welcomed its first residents in 1958;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, in February 1965, Baptist Village of Oklahoma City, T.  
24 B. Lackey Manor nursing center, was opened. The 1970s witnessed the  
founding of the Baptist Village of Owasso, Oklahoma. By the 1980s

1 Baptist Village of Oklahoma City was the largest continuing-care  
2 retirement community in the state with just over 410 residents; and  
3 construction of four smaller villages in Ada, Cleveland, Madill, and  
4 Okmulgee was under way; and

5 WHEREAS, in the 1990s the Baptist Retirement Centers of  
6 Oklahoma, Inc., (BRCO) was formed, along with Baptist Home Care  
7 (BHC) and Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Also in that decade,  
8 Baptist Village of Oklahoma City was the first-ever continuum-of-  
9 care community licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Health; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2003 the name was changed to Baptist Village  
11 Retirement Communities (BVRC). A new Baptist Village of Broken  
12 Arrow was also formed. BVRC launched a new program called Loving,  
13 Inspiring, Nurturing, Caring (LINC), designed to link local Southern  
14 Baptist churches and retirement communities or nursing centers for  
15 the purpose of ministry; and

16 WHEREAS, at the end of 2007, as they approached their fiftieth  
17 year, BVRC employed over 750 and was ministering to over 2,000  
18 people every day with the mission to "Honor God by providing quality  
19 living and compassionate health care in a Christian environment".

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

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Baptist Village  
23 Retirement Communities upon the occasion of their fiftieth year of  
24 operation.

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Baptist Village  
2 Retirement Communities for their ministry of caring for senior  
3 adults.

4        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bill Pierce,  
5 President, Baptist Village Retirement Communities.

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