

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 26

By: Leftwich, Adelson,
Aldridge, Anderson,
Ballenger, Barrington,
Bass, Bingman, Branan,
Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Coffee, Corn,
Crain, Crutchfield,
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Ellis, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Mike), Jolley,
Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Lerblance, Marlatt,
Mazzei, Myers, Newberry,
Nichols, Paddack,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislowski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution honoring the seven women to be inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1982 during the administration of Governor George Nigh through the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. Governor David Walters made the University of Central Oklahoma the permanent home of the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women has continued this important recognition program since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame guidelines for eligibility include Oklahoma women who are pioneers in their field or in a project that benefits Oklahoma; who have made a significant contribution to the State of Oklahoma; who have served as role models to other Oklahoma women; who may be "unsung heroes", but have made a difference in the lives of Oklahomans or Americans because of their actions; who have championed other women, women's issues, or served as public policy advocates for the issues important to women; and who exemplify the Oklahoma Spirit; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at the Oklahoma State Capitol, seven outstanding Oklahoma women will be honored and inducted into the 2009 Hall of Fame. The seven are: Major General LaRita Aragon, Carolyn Whitener, Oklahoma Secretary of State Susan Savage, the late Oklahoma State Senator Mirabeau Lama Cole Looney, Suzanne Edmondson, Edna Miller Hennessee, and Oklahoma First Lady Kim Henry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes and honors the seven women to be inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of March, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate