

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 47

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Johnson (Mike), Justice,
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Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing the high level teaching and quality of education at the University of Central Oklahoma; congratulating Dr. Wei R. Chen, Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, and Dr. Robert L. Terrell; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), located in Edmond, Oklahoma, is justifiably proud of its outstanding faculty and educators who are not only teaching Oklahoma's next generation of leaders but are receiving recognition for their many achievements and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wei R. Chen is a tenured Professor in UCO's Department of Engineering and Physics and Assistant Dean of the College of Mathematics and Science. He has earned three degrees in physics: a Bachelors degree from Shandong University in China, and a Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Oregon. In 2000, Dr. Chen led the effort to establish a biomedical engineering undergraduate degree program at UCO, the first and only such program in the state. In 2006, Dr. Chen was honored with the first DaVinci Institute Fellows Award by the DaVinci Institute of Oklahoma. The award is based on the premise that creative thought and insight are fundamental components of extraordinary scholarship, invention, teaching and performance across academic disciplines. Dr. Chen, a biomedical engineering professor, was named 2008 U.S. Professor of the Year for Master's Universities and Colleges by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lawton, Oklahoma, Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser received her BA in Journalism and MS in Professional Services from the University of Central Oklahoma. She completed her PhD in Consumer Economics at Texas Woman's University and attended intermediate Banking School at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Sasser is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of Central Oklahoma. She is also President of the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education, a not-for-profit organization promoting economic and financial literacy across the state. Dr. Sasser is currently serving as President of the National Association of Economic Educators (NAEE) and is the Executive Committee's liaison with NAEE's Professional Development Committee. She has authored several publications and articles, including two award-winning newspaper series for classroom teachers and students. Dr. Sasser recently won the prestigious national "Friend of the Family Award" from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The award goes to the person who has influenced public policy that positively impacts families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Terrell received his BBA in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma, his MBA in Accounting at the University of Oklahoma, and EDD in Higher Education from Oklahoma

State University. A Professor of Accounting at the University of Central Oklahoma, he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants. He has given many presentations to professional organizations on both the state and national level. Dr. Terrell received the College of Business Administration Teaching Excellence Award, was selected for the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award, won the 2008 Teaching Excellence Award from the Department of Accounting, and the 2008 Neeley Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Central Oklahoma. Dr. Robert Terrell recently received the 2008 Oklahoma Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the high level teaching and quality of education at the University of Central Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Dr. Wei R. Chen, Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, and Dr. Robert L. Terrell for their many achievements and national awards.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to University of Central Oklahoma President Dr. Roger Webb and University of Central Oklahoma Professors Dr. Wei R. Chen, Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, and Dr. Robert L. Terrell.

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate