

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 66

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

A Resolution praising the public service of Wendell Blair; wishing him well upon his retirement from the Board of Regents of Murray State College; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Wendell Ray Blair graduated from Berlin High School in 1954, received his bachelor of science degree in Agronomy from Panhandle State in 1958, and his master of science degree in Agronomy, specializing in plants, from Oklahoma State University in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair served in the United States Army both on active duty and in the inactive reserves from October 1958 until September 1964; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair was a member of the agriculture faculty at Murray State College from 1963 through 1970. He served as the Kerr Foundation's Staff Agronomist from 1972 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair is also a successful small businessman with many endeavors in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, most notably Blair's Mayflower Shop; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair served on the Johnston County Industrial Authority in the early 1990s, including a term as chair. He was selected as Johnston County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1991. He also chaired the Red Ark Development Authority in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair served on the Tishomingo School Board from 1975 to 1992. He also served as President of the Oklahoma State School Board Association from 1986 through 1987; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Blair has been active in many philanthropic endeavors, such as the Angel Tree and the Johnston County Courthouse Construction Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Wendell Ray Blair was appointed to the Board of Regents of Murray State College. His term expires June 1, 2009, and he will be retiring as a Board member.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Wendell Ray Blair's career of public service, especially in the education sector as a Regent of Murray State College.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Wendell Blair well upon the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Regents of Murray State College.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Wendell Ray Blair.

Adopted by the Senate the 20th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate