

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1026

By: Sullivan

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution nominating Sue Ann Derr for the 2009  
8 Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award.

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10 WHEREAS, Sue Ann Derr, Chief Counsel of the Oklahoma House of  
11 Representatives, has served as an attorney for the House for over  
12 twenty-nine (29) years; and

13 WHEREAS, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma College  
14 of Law and was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1978; and

15 WHEREAS, she began her service to state government as an  
16 attorney with the Joint Legislative Council in 1980 and later in the  
17 same year was specifically requested to become a staff attorney for  
18 the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, Sue Ann Derr has been the principal drafter of numerous  
20 legislative measures with enormous impact on the Oklahoma legal  
21 framework, including but not limited to tort reform, civil judicial  
22 process and criminal procedure; and

23 WHEREAS, Sue Ann Derr has served as a Commissioner on Uniform  
24 Laws, providing valuable input into the process by which model acts

1 are proposed to the several states for consideration and enactment,  
2 including contract law, the law of commercial transactions and real  
3 property law; and

4 WHEREAS, Sue Ann Derr is a member of the Uniform Laws Committee  
5 of the Oklahoma Bar Association; and

6 WHEREAS, she was promoted to Assistant Chief Counsel in 1990 and  
7 was promoted to Chief Counsel in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, in the performance of her duties for the House of  
9 Representatives she works many late hours and weekends in order to  
10 assure the highest possible quality of work product and accuracy of  
11 advice; and

12 WHEREAS, Sue Ann Derr has provided and continues to provide  
13 excellent advice, guidance and counsel to the Oklahoma House of  
14 Representatives relating to the legislative process and the many  
15 substantive areas of law for which she provides drafting and  
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes to  
18 nominate Sue Ann Derr for the Southern Legislative Conference  
19 Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award for 2009.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby nominates Sue  
23 Ann Derr for the 2009 Carter/Hellard Legislative Staff Award in  
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1 recognition for all her years of distinguished and outstanding  
2 service to the State of Oklahoma.

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