

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 47

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Wei R. Chen is a tenured Professor in UCO's
18 Department of Engineering and Physics and Assistant Dean of the
19 College of Mathematics and Science. He has earned three degrees in
20 physics: a Bachelors degree from Shandong University in China, and
21 a Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Oregon. In
22 2000, Dr. Chen led the effort to establish a biomedical engineering
23 undergraduate degree program at UCO, the first and only such program
24 in the state. In 2006, Dr. Chen was honored with the first DaVinci

1 Institute Fellows Award by the DaVinci Institute of Oklahoma. The
2 award is based on the premise that creative thought and insight are
3 fundamental components of extraordinary scholarship, invention,
4 teaching and performance across academic disciplines. Dr. Chen, a
5 biomedical engineering professor, was named 2008 U.S. Professor of
6 the Year for Master's Universities and Colleges by the Council for
7 Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie
8 Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This award recognizes
9 professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to
10 undergraduate students; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Lawton, Oklahoma, Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser
12 received her BA in Journalism and MS in Professional Services from
13 the University of Central Oklahoma. She completed her PhD in
14 Consumer Economics at Texas Woman's University and attended
15 intermediate Banking School at Southern Methodist University. Dr.
16 Sasser is currently a tenured Associate Professor of Economics and
17 Director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of
18 Central Oklahoma. She is also President of the Oklahoma Council on
19 Economic Education, a not-for-profit organization promoting economic
20 and financial literacy across the state. Dr. Sasser is currently
21 serving as President of the National Association of Economic
22 Educators (NAEE) and is the Executive Committee's liaison with
23 NAEE's Professional Development Committee. She has authored several
24 publications and articles, including two award-winning newspaper

1 series for classroom teachers and students. Dr. Sasser recently won
2 the prestigious national "Friend of the Family Award" from the
3 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The award
4 goes to the person who has influenced public policy that positively
5 impacts families; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. Terrell received his BBA in Accounting
7 from the University of Oklahoma, his MBA in Accounting at the
8 University of Oklahoma, and EDD in Higher Education from Oklahoma
9 State University. A Professor of Accounting at the University of
10 Central Oklahoma, he is a member of the American Institute of
11 Certified Public Accountants, Association of Certified Fraud
12 Examiners, Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Oklahoma Society
13 of Certified Public Accountants. He has given many presentations to
14 professional organizations on both the state and national level.
15 Dr. Terrell received the College of Business Administration Teaching
16 Excellence Award, was selected for the Oklahoma Society of Certified
17 Public Accountants Outstanding Educator Award, won the 2008 Teaching
18 Excellence Award from the Department of Accounting, and the 2008
19 Neeley Teaching Excellence Award from the University of Central
20 Oklahoma. Dr. Robert Terrell recently received the 2008 Oklahoma
21 Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation for the
22 Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support
23 of Education (CASE).

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

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

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

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

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