

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 49

5 By: Halligan, Mazzei, Adelson,  
6 Ballenger, Brogdon, Brown,  
7 Crain, Easley, Eason  
8 McIntyre, Newberry,  
9 Stanislawski and Sweeden

10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Resolution commending Gary Trennepohl's  
12 professional career; thanking him for ten years of  
13 leadership as President of Oklahoma State University-  
14 Tulsa; wishing him well upon the occasion of his  
15 retirement; and directing distribution.

16 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl was born on December 6, 1946, in  
17 Detroit, Michigan; and

18 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl graduated from Tulsa's Nathan Hale High  
19 School in 1964. He received his bachelor's degree in economics at  
20 the University of Tulsa in 1968. In 1971 he was awarded his Masters  
21 in Business Administration (MBA) from Utah State University. Dr.  
22 Gary Trennepohl earned his doctorate in finance at Texas Tech  
23 University, which was awarded in 1976; and

24 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in  
the United States Air Force in 1968, serving on active duty until  
1972. He served as a logistics officer at Hill Air Force Base from  
1968 to 1972. During 1971 and 1972 he was responsible for F-4

1 contract field team operations at seven European bases. He received  
2 a regular officer appointment and was awarded the Viet Nam Service  
3 Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal; and

4 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl was a visiting faculty member at the  
5 Chicago Board Options Exchange from 1977 through 1982. From 1982  
6 through 1986 he served as a Professor at Arizona State University.  
7 In 1986 Dr. Trennepohl became Department Chair and Professor of  
8 Finance at the University of Missouri-Columbia. In 1995 he was  
9 selected as Executive Associate Dean of Business and Professor at  
10 Texas A&M University until he was named Dean of the Spears School of  
11 Business at Oklahoma State University; and

12 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl was selected as the first President of  
13 Oklahoma State University-Tulsa in August 1999. During his tenure  
14 as President of Oklahoma State University-Tulsa, Gary Trennepohl has  
15 seen the student body increase from 870 students to nearly 2,700 ten  
16 years later. As President, Gary Trennepohl secured \$45 million for  
17 the Helmerich Advanced Technology Research Center. He also raised  
18 more than \$37 million in private gifts, endowed chair funds, and  
19 state matching dollars. However, his biggest and most popular  
20 accomplishment was his 2001 initiative to start the Big Orange Bus  
21 (BOB) route that travels between Stillwater and Tulsa nine times a  
22 day; and

23 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl is Chair of the Tulsa Air and Space  
24 Museum Board and the Oklahoma Blue Cross/Blue Shield Affiliate

1 Board. He is a member of the City of Tulsa's Economic Development  
2 Commission, Leadership Oklahoma, and the OSU Foundation Investment  
3 Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl coauthored two college-level finance  
5 texts, "An Introduction to Financial Management" (1984) and  
6 "Investment Management" (1993). He has contributed chapters for  
7 four books of readings and coauthored more than 30 articles which  
8 have appeared in professional journals; and

9 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl has served as a consultant to pension  
10 funds, corporations, and college endowment funds. He presents  
11 periodic seminars on futures and options strategies to institutional  
12 investment managers at the Options Institute at the Chicago Board of  
13 Options Exchange (CBOE). Since 1983 he has conducted a yearly  
14 seminar on financial analysis for journalists, including those  
15 writing for the "New York Times", "Bloomberg News", and "USA Today";  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Gary Trennepohl indicated when he first accepted the  
18 assignment as President that he intended to return to full-time  
19 teaching after ten years. That time has now come. Gary Trennepohl  
20 will continue to live in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and teach at both the  
21 Tulsa and Stillwater Oklahoma State University campuses.

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

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1        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Gary Trennepohl for his  
2 outstanding professional career in the United States Air Force, as a  
3 teacher of finance, as a consultant for pension funds, and as a  
4 school administrator.

5        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Gary Trennepohl for his  
6 ten years of dynamic leadership as President of Oklahoma State  
7 University-Tulsa and as an academic ambassador from Oklahoma State  
8 University to the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

9        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its best wishes to Gary  
10 Trennepohl upon the occasion of his retirement as President of  
11 Oklahoma State University-Tulsa and knows that he will continue his  
12 successful career as a consultant and teacher.

13        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed Dr. Gary  
14 Trennepohl, President, Oklahoma State University-Tulsa.

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