

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 66

By: Gumm and Coffee

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

11 WHEREAS, Wendell Ray Blair graduated from Berlin High School in
12 1954, received his BS in Agronomy from Panhandle State in 1958, and
13 his MS in Agronomy, specializing in plants, from Oklahoma State
14 University in 1961; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, Wendell Blair served on the Johnston Country Industrial
Authority in the early 1990s, including a term as Chair. He was

1 selected as Johnston County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
2 in 1991. He also Chaired the Red Ark Development Authority in 1990;
3 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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