

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 88

By: Johnson (Constance)

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution thanking Sheila Ford for her service;  
9 wishing her well upon the occasion of her retirement;  
10 and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Sheila Ford, a graduate of Texarkana High School, went  
13 to work at the Oklahoma State Election Board on March 21, 1975.  
14 During the next 35 years, with an occasional break in service,  
15 Sheila Ford worked for either the Oklahoma State Election Board or  
16 the Oklahoma State Senate. Although she occasionally traveled  
17 elsewhere, Sheila always returned to the arms of her friends at the  
18 Oklahoma State Capitol. She was the first African American hired by  
19 the Oklahoma State Election Board. After she temporarily retired,  
20 the Secretary of the Election Board personally asked her to return  
21 because she was such a diligent, hard worker; and

22 WHEREAS, Sheila Ford is well known for her love of family,  
23 friends, and a long, bright colorful car known to all as "The Yellow  
24 Banana". Although Sheila Ford has an associate's degree from Rose

1 State College and a bachelor's degree in information technology from  
2 the University of Central Oklahoma, an inspection of her well-  
3 manicured lawn suggests that, besides computing, she is a talented  
4 landscape architect as well; and

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Sheila Ford for 35 years  
8 of dedicated service to the Oklahoma State Election Board and the  
9 Oklahoma State Senate and designates Thursday, February 25, 2010,  
10 "Sheila Ford Appreciation Day" in the Oklahoma State Capitol.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes Sheila Ford the very best  
12 during her well-earned retirement.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sheila Ford;  
14 her daughter, Nikki Davis; her grandchildren, Rodney Cole, Jr., and  
15 Taryn Cole; and her sisters who also work at the Oklahoma State  
16 Capitol, Belinda Martin and Juanita Ellis.

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