

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 9

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution praising the professionalism of John
8 Greiner; wishing him well upon the occasion of his
9 retirement; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Henryetta, Oklahoma, native John Greiner graduated from
12 the University of Oklahoma with a degree in journalism in 1964. He
13 has kept his ties with his alma mater by serving as a Director of
14 the Friends and Alumni of the H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and
15 Mass Communications at the University of Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, John Greiner spent two years in the United States Army
17 and 28 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Oklahoma National
18 Guard before retiring as a Colonel after 30 years of combined
19 service; and

20 WHEREAS, John Greiner joined "The Oklahoman" in 1966 and spent
21 the past 37 years covering news events in the Oklahoma State
22 Capitol. While a reporter at the Oklahoma State Capitol, John
23 Greiner covered seven gubernatorial administrations and more than a
24 third of the state's legislative sessions. During this period he

1 earned a reputation for hard work, fairness, getting the story
2 right, and explaining complicated issues; and

3 WHEREAS, John Greiner was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism
4 Hall of Fame in 1993. He serves on the Advisory Committee of the
5 Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation. The Foundation's
6 mission is to invest in the future of journalism by building the
7 ethics, skills, and opportunities needed to advance principled
8 probing news and information; and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Brad Henry proclaimed October 17, 2008, as
10 John T. Greiner Day in Oklahoma. On this date John Greiner wrote
11 his last story as Capitol Bureau reporter for "The Oklahoman". In
12 retirement, the 66-year-old Greiner will spend more time with his
13 family and compile a family history.

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

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises John Greiner for the
17 professionalism demonstrated throughout his journalistic career.

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends best wishes to John
19 Greiner on the occasion of his retirement from "The Oklahoman".

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to John Greiner.

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