

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 45

By: Jolley

A Resolution congratulating Jane C.K. Fitch, M.D., for being elected as the 2014 president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists; recognizing her outstanding medical career; thanking her for her contributions to medicine in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jane C.K. Fitch, M.D., was elected president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) during the Anesthesiology 2013 annual meeting on October 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fitch is only the second female to be elected president in the history of the society, which was established in 1905; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Anesthesiologists is an educational research and scientific association of physicians organized to raise the standards of the medical practice of anesthesiology and to improve patient care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fitch has served ASA in numerous positions, serving two years on its Executive Committee, initially as first vice president and then as president-elect. Prior to those offices, Dr. Fitch was the director from Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fitch also served as the 2013 president of the Oklahoma Society of Anesthesiologists (OSA); and

WHEREAS, outside of her many leadership roles at ASA, Dr. Fitch is serving a two-year term as president of the Society of Academic Anesthesia Associations (SAAA), an umbrella organization

representing academic anesthesiology chairs, core program directors and subspecialty program directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fitch is an Alpha Omega medical graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She completed internship training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, followed by a residency and fellowship in cardiovascular and thoracic anesthesiology at the University of Washington in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, prior to her medical career as a physician anesthesiologist, Dr. Fitch worked as an ICU nurse, then as a nurse anesthetist; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fitch is currently a professor and chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. She holds several leadership positions within the OU College of Medicine, OU Physicians Faculty Practice Plan and OU Medical System; and

WHEREAS, she previously had academic appointments with the Baylor College of Medicine and the Yale University School of Medicine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Jane C.K. Fitch, M.D., for being elected to serve as the 2014 president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes her outstanding medical career.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks her for her tremendous contributions and dedication to medicine in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the 2014 president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Jane C.K. Fitch, M.D.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of February, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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