STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 36

By: Standridge and Jolley of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending Ron D. Burton of Norman, 2013-2014 President of Rotary International; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ron D. Burton of Norman, Oklahoma, a member of the Norman Rotary Club, was elected as 2013-2014 President of Rotary International, an international service organization with more than 34,282 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Burton has been a Rotarian since 1979 and has served Rotary International as a director, representative of the Rotary International President, zone trainer, International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, Council on Legislation representative, and district governor. He also chaired the 2011 New Orleans Convention Committee; and

WHEREAS, Burton has served The Rotary Foundation as vice chair and member of the Foundation Trustees and as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and moderator of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator training program; and

WHEREAS, Burton's extensive service stretches far beyond Rotary International. In 2007, Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation. He is also a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the ABA Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee, and the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Burton and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris, Bequest, and Arch C. Klumph Societies; and

WHEREAS, as the President of Rotary International, Ron Burton has brought credit to his organization and state as he has met with Presidents of countries, visited with the Pope and traveled the world spreading Rotary's message of neighbors, community leaders and global citizens working, uniting for the common good; and

WHEREAS, in developing the theme for his Presidential year, Ron Burton selected the official light blue of Rotary International, the sky blue of the Oklahoma State Flag and the Crimson of his former employer, THE University of Oklahoma, bringing a touch of Oklahoma symbolism to the Rotary Theme.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Ron D. Burton upon being elected president of Rotary International and extends appreciation for his record of service.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the 2013-2014 President of Rotary International, Ron D. Burton.

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