

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE JOINT  
4 RESOLUTION 71

By: Standridge and Jolley of  
the Senate

5 and

6 Martin (Scott) of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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14 WHEREAS, Ron D. Burton of Norman, Oklahoma, a member of the  
15 Norman Rotary Club, was elected as 2013-2014 President of Rotary  
16 International, an international service organization with more than  
17 34,282 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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