

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 102

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution thanking Senator Constance N. "Connie"  
8 Johnson for 33 years of dedicated service to the  
9 Oklahoma State Senate, the State of Oklahoma and the  
10 people of Senate District 48; wishing her well in her  
11 future endeavors; and directing distribution.

12 WHEREAS, Senator Constance N. "Connie" Johnson began her career  
13 in the Oklahoma State Senate as a legislative analyst in 1981 and  
14 was elected to serve as Senator for District 48 in Oklahoma County,  
15 covering Oklahoma City's predominantly African American "Eastside"  
16 and other areas in eastern, northern and western Oklahoma County, in  
17 September 2005. She has served every senator who has ever occupied  
18 the Senate District 48 seat; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Connie Johnson has chaired the Senate Committee  
20 on Select Agencies and cochaired the Senate Criminal Jurisprudence  
21 Committee. She was also elected to the Executive Committee of the  
22 National Conference of State Legislators and the National Black  
23 Caucus of State Legislators, where she was instrumental in  
24 publishing a handbook on staff diversity and organized the African

1 American Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee. She conducted  
2 training in the Democratic Process for six countries in Africa; and

3 WHEREAS, Sen. Johnson currently serves as a member of the Full  
4 Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on  
5 Health and Human Services, as well as the Energy, Finance, Health  
6 and Human Services and the Rules Standing Committees of the Senate;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Connie Johnson has championed legislation to  
9 protect Oklahoma's children and families, especially from the  
10 adverse impact of incarceration. She is an outspoken advocate for  
11 people with disabilities and mental illness. She earned national  
12 prominence as a strong voice for women's reproductive health rights  
13 when she was featured on The Daily Show in a skit entitled "Bro.  
14 Choice"; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Connie Johnson is a servant leader who has  
16 spent her life engaging others in the legislative process, having  
17 trained numerous citizens and groups throughout her legislative  
18 career; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Johnson serves on the Oklahoma Coalition to  
20 Abolish the Death Penalty, Family Builders, Southeastern Oklahoma  
21 Treatment Center Board, the Midwest City Dr. Martin Luther King,  
22 Jr., Prayer Breakfast Committee and presently chairs the Health  
23 Committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She is  
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1 a 50-plus-year member of the Church of the Living God (C.W.F.F.) and  
2 is the proud mother of three and grandmother of two; and

3 WHEREAS, after leaving office, Sen. Johnson looks forward to  
4 hopefully continuing her public service in government as she pursues  
5 election to the U.S. Senate.

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

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Senator Constance N.  
9 "Connie" Johnson for 33 years of devoted service to the State of  
10 Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Senate and the people of Senate  
11 District 48.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes her well in her future  
13 endeavors.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator  
15 Constance N. "Connie" Johnson.

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