

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 12

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution thanking Transportation Secretary Gary  
8 Ridley for his years of service to the State of  
9 Oklahoma; congratulating him on his retirement;  
10 directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Gary Ridley will be retiring as Director of the  
12 Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Highway  
13 Authority in March 2013, but will continue to serve as the Secretary  
14 of Transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, Gary Ridley began working at the Oklahoma Department of  
16 Transportation in 1965 as an equipment operator; and

17 WHEREAS, Ridley was appointed as the Director of ODOT in August  
18 2001. Former Governor Brad Henry then appointed him as Secretary of  
19 Transportation in May 2009, and he was then tapped to also lead the  
20 Oklahoma Turnpike Authority in October 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, Secretary Ridley has worked with the Legislature to  
22 pass several landmark pieces of legislation to improve Oklahoma's  
23 transportation infrastructure. Under his leadership, the eight-year  
24 Construction Work Plan to address the state's critical long-term

1 construction needs and the Asset Prevention Plan to protect the  
2 transportation infrastructure system were both created. He also  
3 assisted Governor Fallin with launching the Bridge Improvement and  
4 Turnpike Modernization Infrastructure Plan, which will serve to  
5 eliminate deficient state bridges by 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Secretary Ridley is the consummate professional and has  
7 provided tremendous leadership in every position he has held in his  
8 44 years at ODOT.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
10 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks Transportation Secretary  
12 Gary Ridley for his 44 years of tremendous leadership and service to  
13 the State of Oklahoma.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Secretary Ridley on  
15 his retirement as Director of the Oklahoma Department of  
16 Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

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