

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 94

By: Bingman and Burrage

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending Senator Jerry Ellis for his
8 years of service to the Oklahoma Legislature; wishing
9 him well in the future; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Jerry Ellis was born in Hugo, Oklahoma in 1946. He
12 received his Bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State
13 University in 1969 before joining the Armed Forces in 1969 where he
14 served until 1972. He has since worked for Weyerhaeuser and as a
15 cattle rancher. He also is the co-founder and publisher of the
16 Southeast Times newspaper in Idabel, Oklahoma; and

17 WHEREAS, Jerry Ellis was elected to the Oklahoma House of
18 Representatives in November 2002 and then elected to the Oklahoma
19 State Senate to represent District 5 in 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, he was named Assistant Democratic Floor Leader in
21 December 2011 and serves as the Vice Chair of the Tourism and
22 Wildlife Committee. He also is a member of the Senate
23 Appropriations Committee and Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural
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1 Resources as well as the Business and Commerce, General Government,
2 and Tourism and Wildlife Committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Ellis championed legislation to protect
4 Oklahoma's water and state parks as well as citizens' 2nd Amendment
5 rights; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Ellis has received numerous awards and
7 accolades during his legislative service, including the Friend of
8 Working Men and Women Award from the McCurtain County Democratic
9 Party in 2002; the Oklahoma Rifleman Association Legislator of the
10 Year Award in 2007; and both the Oklahoma American Legion Legislator
11 of the Year Award and the American Association of Retired Persons 50
12 Over 50 Award in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Ellis is well known for his quick wit, downhome
14 turns of phrase and unpretentious one-liners, which are much
15 appreciated in the heat of debate and could often boil the merits or
16 failings of a bill down to just a few, choice words, as in: "This
17 bill is pro-God, pro-gun and pro-American," or "In Oklahoma, gun
18 control is when you hit what you shoot at," and "When it comes to
19 selling water to Texas, we're gonna fight until Hell freezes over,
20 and then we'll fight 'em on ice".

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

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Senator Jerry Ellis for
2 his years of service to the Oklahoma House of Representatives and
3 the Oklahoma State Senate.

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate wishes him well in the future.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Jerry
6 Ellis.

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