

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 59

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A Resolution honoring the life and career of retired Oklahoma City Assistant Fire Chief and Public Information Officer Jon Hansen; expressing gratitude for his voice of compassion and reassurance after the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing; extending condolences to the Hansen family; declaring April 23, 2016, as "Jon Hansen Day" in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jon Hansen was born at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in Oceanside, California in 1951 before his family moved to Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Northeast High School in Oklahoma City and studied at Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Hansen began his 26-year career with the Oklahoma City Fire Department in November 1973 promoting through the ranks to become Fire Marshal in 1995. As Assistant Fire Chief, he served as the department's Public Information Officer; and

WHEREAS, after the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Bombing on April 19, 1995, Hansen kept the public informed by routinely giving updates to local, national and international media outlets about the tragic event and what was being done to help the victims and protect the public; and

WHEREAS, he was a voice of strength, comfort, compassion and reassurance when terror struck the heartland, letting the world know that we had been wounded but that we would persevere and could never be defeated; and

WHEREAS, when tragedy struck Oklahoma again on May 3, 1999, Hansen once again worked around the clock for days providing updates to the local and national media about the deadly tornado that damaged and destroyed thousands of homes in Moore and South Oklahoma City including his own; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in July 1999, Hansen continued to serve the fire service in various capacities including serving as the executive director of Oklahoma's Council of Firefighter Training at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, he was nominated by President George W. Bush in April 2002 to head the U.S. Fire Administration, but asked that his name be withdrawn so he could spend more time with his family; and

WHEREAS, after a long battle with cancer, Hansen passed away on Friday, April 15, 2016, at his home with his family by his side.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the life and career of retired Oklahoma City Assistant Fire Chief and Public Information Officer Jon Hansen.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses gratitude for his voice of compassion and reassurance for Oklahomans after the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends condolences to the Hansen family.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares April 23, 2016, as "Jon Hansen" Day in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his son, Cory; daughter, Jill; sisters, Norene and Kathy; niece Annie and brother-in-law Randy.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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