Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: Treat, Floyd, Allen, Bergstrom, Bice, Boggs, Boren, Brooks, Bullard, Coleman, Dahm, Daniels, David, Dossett, Dugger, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Ikley-Freeman, Jech, Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews, McCortney, Montgomery, Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson, Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rosino, Scott, Sharp, Shaw, Silk, Simpson, Smalley, Standridge, Stanislawski, Stanley, Thompson, Weaver and Young

A Resolution honoring Chief Operating Officer Caroline Dennis for her 37 years of service to the State Senate; congratulating her on her upcoming retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, after completing a degree in economics at the University of Oklahoma in 1982, Caroline Dennis began working for the Oklahoma State Senate as Coordinator for the Senate Committee on Standards and Ethics and soon took on the additional responsibility of serving as Coordinator for the Law Enforcement Commission; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Dennis continued to rise through the ranks of Senate Staff, including being promoted to Assistant Division Director in 2002, Director of Committee Staff in 2003 and was

promoted to Director of Legislative Operations in 2011, although she had specifically requested the title of "Princess"; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Caroline Dennis was named Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Dennis has served under ten President Pro Tempores, including Senators Marvin York, Rodger Randle, Robert Cullison, Stratton Taylor, Cal Hobson, Mike Morgan, Glenn Coffee, Brian Bingman, Mike Schulz and Greg Treat; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Dennis has served under a Democratic Majority, during a historic tie and under a Republican Majority, and throughout her tenure was always seen as a trusted resource and a consummate professional by members of both caucuses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her expertise in bill drafting, Caroline's knowledge of the Senate Rules has been an invaluable resource for members and staff alike, and that expertise is so widely recognized that some within the upper chamber have simply referred to her as "Rules"; and

WHEREAS, Caroline further advanced her knowledge and expertise through her participation and service within the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, Caroline has worked with others within the Senate to elevate the Senate's involvement in charitable giving and community service, and strived to promote greater camaraderie between Senate staff divisions; and

WHEREAS, after a career which spans four decades at the State Capitol, Caroline Dennis will retire from the Oklahoma State Senate in September, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends profound thanks to Caroline Dennis for her professionalism and dedication to this institution, its members, and staff.

THAT Caroline Dennis is hereby congratulated for her 37 years of exemplary service and is wished all the best in her retirement.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Caroline Dennis. $\,$

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)

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COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

I, Paul Ziriax, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Enrolled Senate Resolution No. 5 as the same was adopted by the Senate of the 1st Session of the 57th Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, the original hereof being on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma.

WITNESS my hand at the State Capitol this ____ day of May, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate