

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 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,
Stanislowski, Stanley,
Thompson, Weaver and Young

AS INTRODUCED

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

1 Director in 2002, Director of Committee Staff in 2003 and was
2 promoted to Director of Legislative Operations in 2011, although she
3 had specifically requested the title of "Princess"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Caroline
14 Dennis.

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