

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 10

By: Thompson, Allen, Bergstrom,  
Boren, Brooks, Bullard,  
Burns, Coleman, Daniels,  
David, Dossett (J.A.),  
Dossett (J.J.), Dugger,  
Floyd, Garvin, Hall,  
Hamilton, Haste, Hicks,  
Howard, Jech, Jett, Kidd,  
Kirt, Leewright, Matthews,  
McCortney, Merrick,  
Montgomery, Murdock,  
Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,  
Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn,  
Rader, Rogers, Rosino,  
Simpson, Standridge,  
Stanley, Stephens, Taylor,  
Treat, Weaver and Young of  
the Senate

and

McBride and Echols of the  
House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the service of Dr. Glen D. Johnson, Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; expressing thanks and wishing him well in his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Glen D. Johnson became the eighth Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in January 2007, after a national search. He has provided leadership on matters relating to standards for Oklahoma higher education, courses and programs of study, budget allocations for institutions, fees and tuition, and strategic planning. Johnson is responsible for an annual higher

education budget in excess of \$2.4 billion, and oversees numerous programs, which are integral to the support of Oklahoma's higher education system; and

WHEREAS, Johnson had previously served as the 16th president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant for 10 years. During his tenure, Johnson initiated the President's Leadership Class and the President's Partners donor program. Among his many accomplishments there, he implemented an \$85 million capital campaign for the campus; and

WHEREAS, Johnson previously served as director of public policy and adjunct professor of law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law; and

WHEREAS, prior to his work at OU, Johnson served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1982 to 1996 and he was the Speaker of the House for three terms from 1990 to 1996. At the time of his election as Speaker, he was the youngest-sitting Speaker in the United States. Prior to that, he served in several key leadership positions including House Majority Floor Leader; House Appropriations and Budget Committee Chair; House Majority Caucus Chair; and House Judiciary Committee Chair. In 1980, Johnson was elected as a member of the Okemah Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Johnson was born into a family dedicated to public service. He's the son of former United States Congressman Glen D. Johnson Sr. and Imogene Johnson. Johnson's wife, Melinda is a recently retired classroom teacher from Edmond Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout Johnson's career, he has championed education at every level in Oklahoma, recognized both statewide and nationally as a strong, untiring advocate for funding for education. As Chancellor, he has represented Oklahoma well through his leadership positions with numerous national organizations including the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, the Southern Regional Education Board, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. He is currently the longest-serving chancellor/system-head in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career including induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Oklahoma's highest honor, in 2006 and induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2016. He also was the recipient of the State Higher Education Executive Officers' Association (SHEEO) Exceptional Leader Award honoring the outstanding higher education chancellor/system-head in the nation in 2019 and Leadership Oklahoma's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Legislature honors Chancellor Glen D. Johnson and expresses gratitude for his 39 years of public service on behalf of the State of Oklahoma. Chancellor Johnson has consistently comported himself with integrity, sincerity, respectfulness and determination during his distinguished career in public service.

THAT the Legislature wishes him the very best as he retires as chancellor and begins the next chapter of his life.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Glen D. Johnson.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 20th day of May,  
2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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