

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 46

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the service and dedication of Senator Frank Simpson in the Oklahoma State Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator Frank Simpson has a true servant's heart, dedicating his life in service to his country, state, district, and Lord, Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Senator Simpson is completing his 12th year of Senate service to the citizens of Senate District 14; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 2010, Senator Simpson has served in numerous leadership positions including Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, and Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, besides his standing committees, Senator Simpson's expertise has been sought in many other areas. After his family was forever changed by diabetes, he helped grow the Legislative Diabetes Caucus, serving as chair and vice chair for many years. He was also a member of the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency Oversight

1 Committee; the Senate Redistricting Committee; the Veterans Caucus,
2 which he chaired; and the Mental Health Caucus; and

3 WHEREAS, the 26-year retired U.S. Navy veteran has been a
4 tireless advocate for Oklahoma's military members, veterans, and
5 their families, with legislation designating Oklahoma as a Purple
6 Heart State; improving services and care in Oklahoma's veterans
7 centers; creating community-based homes for aging and terminally ill
8 veterans; and ensuring proper burial of veterans. He also
9 championed measures to streamline military student transfers; make
10 college more affordable for Oklahoma's heroes; promote equitable
11 access to state and federal benefits and services for female
12 veterans; protect National Guard members from employment
13 discrimination; and extend state benefits to peacetime veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Simpson also expanded the Trafficking in
15 Illegal Drugs Act; improved diabetes awareness and education
16 statewide as well as made insulin and other resources more
17 affordable; and protected the leave of state employees following
18 state emergencies; and

19 WHEREAS, while he had many accomplishments and made friendships
20 that will last a lifetime, his greatest blessing was meeting his
21 best friend, Karen, whom he married on May 22, 2021. Upon his
22 retirement, they are looking forward to continuing their worldwide
23 travels and spending more time with their beloved family; and

1 WHEREAS, State Question No. 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and
2 effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for a member
3 of the Legislature to a total of twelve years. As a result, Senator
4 Simpson will not be eligible to stand for reelection this year; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Simpson has proudly and diligently represented
6 the voices of Carter, Johnson, Love, and Murray Counties, and his
7 wisdom and calm nature will be greatly missed at the Oklahoma
8 Capitol and within the esteemed Senate.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
10 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of
12 Senate District 14 and this great state, expresses its gratitude to
13 Senator Frank Simpson for his service in the Oklahoma State Senate.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Frank
15 Simpson.

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