

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 74

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution expressing gratitude to Senator Don
8 Barrington for his service in the Oklahoma State
Senate; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Senator Don Barrington is completing his twelfth year
12 of service to the citizens of District 31 in the Oklahoma State
13 Senate; and

14 WHEREAS, Don Barrington was born September 7, 1947, in Pryor,
15 Oklahoma, to Burt and Lura Barrington. He graduated from Rexford
16 High School in Rexford, Kansas, in 1965. He enlisted in the United
17 States Army and served from 1966 through 1969; including an
18 eighteen-month tour in Vietnam where he received an Army
19 Commendation Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Barrington's professional career began as a
21 rookie with the Lawton Fire Department in 1969. During his 32-year
22 tenure, he spent 26 years on shift at the fire station. He received
23 an Associates Degree in Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State
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1 University in Oklahoma City in 1993. He was appointed as the Fire
2 Chief of Lawton in 1996 and served until his retirement in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Barrington is married to the former Jennifer
4 Morgan and they are the parents to daughter, Alicia (Barrington)
5 Rodgers, and to son, Jaron Barrington; and

6 WHEREAS, Don Barrington was a member of the first post-term-
7 limits class of 2004 and has been a member of the Oklahoma State
8 Senate since that time, serving first in the minority, then in the
9 evenly-divided Senate and finally in the majority. Senator
10 Barrington serves as Chair of the Public Safety and Homeland
11 Security Committee and has been a member on numerous other Senate
12 committees; and

13 WHEREAS, State Question No. 632, adopted September 18, 1990, and
14 effective January 1, 1991, limits the length of service for a member
15 of the Legislature to a total of twelve years and as a result,
16 Senator Barrington will not be eligible to stand for reelection this
17 year; and

18 WHEREAS, Don Barrington has been a quintessential example of
19 demonstrating leadership by action. Throughout his working life, he
20 has been faced with protecting the public. Whether it was answering
21 the call during a time of war, responding to alarms when accidents
22 held lives in the balance or managing policy that impacts the health
23 and safety of our citizenry, Senator Barrington was the person to
24 count on. One of the greatest compliments one can bestow on another

1 is dependability. Such dependability is also reflected in Senator
2 Barrington's stellar record in the Oklahoma State Senate for
3 Legislative days attended, roll call votes answered and votes cast.
4 Through this dedication, our state is a better place.

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of the citizens of
8 Senate District 31 and all citizens of this state, expresses its
9 gratitude to Senator Don Barrington for his service in the Oklahoma
10 State Senate.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Don
12 Barrington.

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