

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 89

By: Stipe of the Senate

and

Glover of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution honoring Roger C. Pirrong for his many years of devoted service to the State of Oklahoma; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, completed his bachelor's degree at Oklahoma City University, and did graduate work at University of Central Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong served as a teacher and administrator in the Choctaw-Nicoma Park school system from September 1958 until February 1965; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong first worked for the Oklahoma State Department of Health in 1952 performing part-time, temporary laboratory work. He rejoined the Oklahoma State Department of Health on March 10, 1965, as Superintendent of Vital Records at the North Eastern Avenue location; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong was promoted to State Registrar of Vital Statistics on February 1, 1972; promoted to Assistant Commissioner of Administration and State Registrar on January 16, 1979; and was upgraded to Deputy Commissioner on July 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong is most well-known for his activities modernizing the State's vital records. He established rules pertaining to vital records as there were none prior to his

appointment as State Registrar of Vital Statistics. He inaugurated a scanning procedure for birth and death records in August 1989 and computerized the State of Oklahoma vital records systems which now go back to 1935 for birth records and 1947 for death records.

Finally, Roger C. Pirrong established the first satellite vital records office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 16, 1998, giving ready access to birth and death records to citizens in the northeastern part of the state; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong has performed numerous services for the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the State of Oklahoma during his many years of service. He served as legislative liaison for many years and was responsible for the overseeing of and became directly involved in the planning and construction of the Oklahoma State Department of Health office building and parking garage on Northeast 10th Street; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong's long and distinguished career at the Oklahoma State Department of Health has seen him in charge of many facets of the agency's operation, including administration, data management, financial management, insurance, internal services, inventory control, personnel, procurement, and vital records; and

WHEREAS, Roger C. Pirrong has served under six Commissioners of the Oklahoma State Department of Health: Dr. Kirk Mosley, Dr. LeRoy Carpenter, Dr. Walter Atkins, Dr. Joan Leavitt, Dr. Tom Peace, and Dr. Jerry R. Nida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Roger C. Pirrong for his many years of devoted service to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature wishes Roger C. Pirrong well upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Roger C. Pirrong; his wife, Barbara Pirrong; son, Roger Pirrong, Jr.; and daughter, Carla Pirrong.

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