



House Speaker Pro Tempore Harold Wright Recognized With Higher Education Distinguished Service Award

Photo Caption: House Speaker Pro Tempore Harold Wright (fourth from left) was recently recognized with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education. Helping honor Wright were (from left): Cameron University President John McArthur; University of Central Oklahoma President Don Betz; Oklahoma City Community College President Jerry Steward; Regents Chair Jay Helm; and Chancellor Glen D. Johnson.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Harold Wright of Weatherford was recognized with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for Higher Education during the December 6 meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Rep. Wright, a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, was honored for his support of higher education in his role as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

"Since his election to the House of Representatives in 2009, Rep. Wright has been a steadfast leader in support of funding for higher education and specifically, for funding the concurrent enrollment program," said Chancellor Glen D. Johnson. "During the 2018 Legislative session, he worked to provide \$7.5 million in additional funding for concurrent enrollment, which brought funding for the program up to approximately 87 percent of the reimbursement cost to our state system colleges and universities. We are pleased to honor him with our Distinguished Service Award."

The Distinguished Service Awards for Higher Education recognize individuals who demonstrate distinguished leadership and support of higher education in Oklahoma during the legislative session.

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