

# Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 38

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Schulz, Sharp, Shaw,  
Shortey, Simpson, Smalley,  
Sparks, Standridge,  
Stanislowski, Sykes,  
Thompson, Treat, Wyrick and  
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A Resolution congratulating Norman Heaton for his  
induction into the Skydiving Museum and Hall of Fame;  
and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Norman Heaton made his first parachute jump with the  
82nd Airborne Division during Jump School and had completed 31  
military jumps when he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army  
in January 1958; and

WHEREAS, Heaton joined the Oklahoma State University Skydivers  
in the fall of 1961. He served as President of the club for two  
years and was the only instructor and jumpmaster in the group and  
was responsible for training all of the students; and

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Parachute Club of America, now known as the United States Parachute Association, for 49 years. The association is the national representative body for skydiving and the parachuting branch of the National Aeronautic Association; and

WHEREAS, Heaton founded the Oklahoma Parachute Council in early 1964 and served as its first President; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, he qualified for the nation's highest parachuting license, the US/FAI Class D Parachute License, followed by the FAA Senior Parachute Riggers License and also attained the coveted Instructor/Examiner Rating; and

WHEREAS, Heaton was hired in May of 1964 as the Assistant Director of the Parachute Club of America and then in July was named Executive Director. During his tenure, he helped increase club membership to over 25,000 members; and

WHEREAS, he was the only person in the world, at the time, to have served as Meet Director for eleven National Parachuting Championships. He also served as Meet Director for two world parachuting championships; the XI World Parachuting Championships in 1972 in Oklahoma; and the 1st World Cup of Relative Work Parachuting in 1973 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Heaton was the U.S. Representative to the International Parachute Committee (IPC) of the Federation Aeronique (FAI), the international representative body for all aviation sports, from 1969 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, he made his one-thousandth freefall parachute jump and was awarded the coveted Gold Wings of the USPA. The Gold Wings were presented by Apollo Astronaut Ed Mitchell at the opening ceremonies of the 1971 National Parachuting Championships in Tahlequah; and

WHEREAS, Heaton received the USPA Achievement Award and was bestowed the Paul Tissandier Diploma by the FAI. He also was named Executive Director Emeritus by the USPA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2014, Heaton became the first Oklahoman to be inducted into the Skydiving Museum and Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates Norman Heaton for his induction into the Skydiving Museum and Hall of Fame.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Norman Heaton.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2015.

Eddie Frazier  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 20 15, at 11:34 o'clock A. M.  
By: C. Renge