

GEORGE NIGH
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
OKLAHOMA CITY

November 22, 1985

Ferdie J. Deering
11608 Susan Lane
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120

Dear Ferdie,

Today it is my pleasure to name you to receive the "Oklahoma Water Pioneer" award at the Sixth Annual Governor's Water Conference in Oklahoma City on December 4. The award recognizes your enormous contributions to water management, planning, development and conservation in Oklahoma.

On behalf of the Conference Sponsors, I personally invite you to be our luncheon guest at 12 noon on December 4 in the South Ballroom of the Hilton Inn West at I-40 and Meridian, where the Governor's Water Conference will be held. At that time I will have the honor of presenting you a certificate which is a token of a larger, permanent plaque to be hung in a place of honor.

The plaque commemorating "Oklahoma's Water Pioneers" will be engraved with the names of 23 men and women whose careers have been spent in developing Oklahoma's great rivers and in preserving the beauty and integrity of our waters for future generations.

Ferdie, I certainly look forward to seeing you on December 4. If you can join us for the luncheon, I ask that you RSVP very soon by calling Mary Whitlow, at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at (405) 271-2581.

Again, my congratulations on your luminous career as a steward of Oklahoma's waters.

Sincerely,


George Nigh

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

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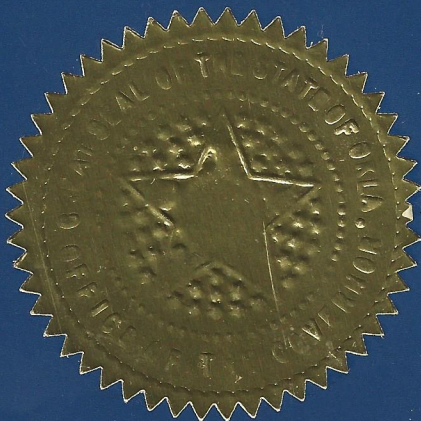
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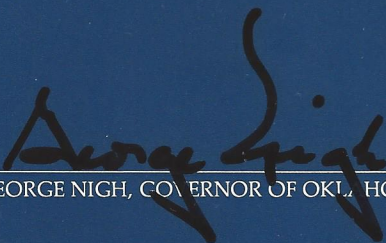
Oklahoma Water Pioneer

In appreciation for great wisdom in illuminating our way in developing Oklahoma's great rivers and preserving the integrity and beauty of our state's waters for future generations.

With gratitude today, on the occasion of the Sixth Annual Governor's Water Conference, we recognize the enormous contributions to water planning, management, development and conservation in Oklahoma.

This name shall occupy a place of honor on a memorial established today to commemorate Oklahoma's Water Pioneers. Awarded this Fourth Day of December, 1985, by the Governor and Sponsors of the Sixth Annual Governor's Water Conference.





GEORGE NIGH, GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA

The Water Pioneer Awards, initiated today at the Sixth Annual Governor's Water Conference on December 4, 1985, recognize the enormous contributions made to water planning, development and conservation in Oklahoma by these exceptional men and women. Their wisdom illuminated our way in developing the great rivers and preserving the quality and beauty of their waters for future generations. It is with gratitude that we remember Oklahoma's Water Pioneers today by hanging a commemorative plaque inscribed with their names in a place of honor.

The Late...

V. Ray Trent 1915-1981
David R. Strickland 1940-1976
L.B. (Ed) Edinger 1916-1985
Harold F. Norris 1905-1979
Donald O. McBride 1903-1978
Newton R. Graham 1883-1957
Senator Robert S. Kerr 1896-1963

Also...

Richard C. Longmire
L.L. (Red) Males
Dr. Lloyd E. Church
Glade R. Kirkpatrick
Forrest Nelson
Jacques Cunningham
Nolen J. Fuqua
P. Ward Perryman
Harold B. Scoggins
Bernice N. Crockett
Frank Raab
Ferdie J. Deering
Francis J. Borelli
Robert S. Kerr Jr.
Marvin Scherler
Leonard A. Solomon

Looking Back as We Plan Ahead

Sixth Annual GOVERNOR'S WATER CONFERENCE

Hilton Inn West, Oklahoma City

A GENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE

December 4, 1985

8 a.m. East Gallery
Registration, Coffee

9:00 North Ballroom
Welcome — Gerald E. Borelli,
Chairman, Oklahoma Water
Resources Board

9:10
Edmond High School Show Choir
Act II — Terry Attebery, Director

9:30
Keynote — Lt. Gen. John W. Morris
(USA Ret), President, National
Waterways Foundation

10:00
Coffee Break

10:20
National Water Policy
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelly
Deputy Director of Civil Works
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:50
The Nation's Water Quality
Lawrence J. Jensen, Assistant
Administrator, Office of Water
U.S. EPA





JAMES R. BARNETT, Executive Director
MICHAEL R. MELTON, Assistant Director

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

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March 10, 1988


Dear Oklahoma Water Pioneer,

I have enclosed a photograph of the bronze plaque that was first displayed at the 1987 Governor's Water Conference on December 16, It recognizes the remarkable achievements of Oklahoma Water Pioneers who dedicated their lives to the development, conservation and protection of our state's water resources. It pays tribute to the Water Pioneers recognized at the Governor's Water Conferences of 1985, 1986 and 1987.

This beautiful plaque is presently displayed in the reception area of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 1000 N.E. Tenth Street in Oklahoma City. I'd like to invite you to come in to see it any time you might be in the area.

In the meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy having the picture of the plaque that bears your name.

Sincerely,



James R. Barnett
Executive Director

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GOVERNOR'S AWARD



OKLAHOMA'S WATER PIONEERS

Emblazoned here are the names
of Oklahoma's Water Pioneers,
first honored at the
Sixth Annual Governor's
Water Conference on
December 4, 1985.

In appreciation for their wisdom
in developing Oklahoma's great
rivers and groundwaters,
and for preserving the integrity
and beauty of the state's waters
for future generations.

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