

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

JOHN MASSEY

John Massey, from Durant, Oklahoma, was appointed as an Oklahoma State Regent by Governor David Walters in May 1992, serving a nine year term. In May of 2001, he was reappointed by Governor Frank Keating for a second nine year term. In May 2010, he was reappointed by Governor Brad Henry for a third nine year term ending in May 2019. This reappointment makes him the first three-term State Regent in 27 years. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is the constitutional coordinating board for the Oklahoma colleges and universities responsible for allocating state funds, setting admission standards and academic policies.

Regent Massey is a banker and serves as chairman of the board of First United Bank and Trust, headquartered in Durant, Oklahoma. He is also chairman of Durant Enterprises, Inc. and serves on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

Regent Massey earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma and served one term as Student Body President at Southeastern.

Regent Massey is the only student in history of Southeastern to receive the Outstanding Student Award for three consecutive years. In 1984, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Regent Massey was elected State Representative in 1960 while a senior in college and served two terms. In 1964, he was elected to the State Senate where he also served two terms. Regent Massey served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957 and was a member of the National Guard from 1953-1954 and 1957 to 1961. During his service, he was nominated by his fellow soldiers at both Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Camp Walters in Mineral Wells, Texas with the distinction of Soldier of the Year.

Regent Massey is active in several civic and professional organizations and has served on the State Ethics Commission, the Oklahoma Historical Society Board, the Board of the Bank of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Securities Commission. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Durant Kiwanis Club and, in 2001, the Outstanding Alumni Award by Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2009, Regent Massey was inducted

into the Oklahoma City Community College Hall of Fame and received the prestigious Leadership Oklahoma Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2010.

He and his wife, Donna, live in Durant.