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OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME INDUCTS A DIVERSE CLASS TONIGHT

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EIGHTY-one times in our state's history, a group of accomplished Oklahomans has been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Tonight marks the 82nd induction, and the members of the newest class of honorees are as diverse as they are consequential.

The 2009 inductees are: C. Kendric Fergeson, Altus; Marlin G. "Ike" Glass, Jr., Newkirk; Burns Hargis, Stillwater; Polly A. Nichols, Oklahoma City; Lee Roy Selmon, Eufaula; Justice Steven W. Taylor, McAlester; and the late Wayman Tisdale, Tulsa.

Tisdale, who died in May, and Selmon almost need no introduction. They're sports greats in a state that takes its college sports very seriously, and they also had a penchant for helping others in need.

Hargis is also no stranger to the spotlight. He's a banker and lawyer who now serves as president of Oklahoma State University. He has long been involved in Oklahoma politics and the philanthropic community.

Then there's Nichols, who survived the Oklahoma City bombing and went on to lead the fundraising effort to building the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. She has helped build up the state's nonprofit community and helped lead a number of other fundraising drives to benefit Oklahomans.

Taylor is vice chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court and was a district judge for more than 20 years, during which time he presided over the trial of bombing conspirator Terry Nichols. His economic development efforts are also well known in southeastern Oklahoma, where in the 1980s he became the youngest person to serve as McAlester's mayor.

Glass is a U.S. Navy veteran who has been instrumental in supporting education throughout his many years of school board service and as a regent overseeing Oklahoma's higher education system. Glass is also an entrepreneur in the trucking business and has been involved in myriad transportation and small-business issues.

Fergeson is a southeastern Oklahoma banker whose service and philanthropic pursuits span far and wide. He's been involved in and led several business groups like the

Oklahoma State Chamber, supported education efforts like the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Foundation and is a major supporter of the arts.

This year's honorees join grand company. The Oklahoma Hall of Fame includes 628 other honorees ranging from Wiley Post to Carl Albert to Clara Luper.

We offer our congratulations to each of the honorees. With their individual contributions, they make Oklahoma a better place to live, work and play. Their inclusion in the hall of fame is a fitting tribute.

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