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Gov.-elect Henry Names Secretary of State, Environmental Secretary

(Oklahoma City) Governor-elect Brad Henry continued the process of filling the top positions in his gubernatorial administration Thursday, announcing two major appointments to cabinet positions.

The new state chief executive selected former Tulsa mayor Susan Savage to serve as his Secretary of State. He also tapped environmental law expert Miles Tolbert of Oklahoma City to serve as his Secretary of the Environment.

"Both Susan and Miles bring a great deal of experience to the table and will be tremendous assets to my administration. I am very excited about them joining my team," said Gov.-elect Henry.

Susan Savage served as mayor of Tulsa for 10 years, playing a major role in the improvement and growth of Oklahoma's second largest metropolitan area. She is perhaps best known for her work to enhance the city's infrastructure through major road repair initiatives and her efforts to protect the area water supply from pollution. Before becoming Tulsa's top city official, Savage served as chief of staff of the Tulsa mayor's office and executive director of the Tulsa Citizens Crime Commission.

"Throughout her career in public service, Susan has demonstrated that she is a leader who can get the job done. She's very adept at identifying problems, crafting solutions and implementing them in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Her leadership and experience will be invaluable to my administration," said Gov.-elect Henry.

"I'm honored to serve in Gov.-elect Henry's administration. He is a dynamic person who can meet the state's challenges, and it is a privilege to be a part of his team," said Savage.

Miles Tolbert is the former chief of the environmental protection unit in the Oklahoma Attorney General's office. He has also practiced in Washington, DC as an attorney for the environmental and natural resources division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He is the president-elect of the Oklahoma Bar Association's environmental law section and a member of the Crowe and Dunlevy law firm.

"In order for Oklahoma to be both prosperous and healthy, we have to do a good job of protecting the environment, not just for this generation, but for future generations as well. Miles has spent many years carrying out that mission in both the state and federal government. His extensive knowledge of environmental issues and law will be a great help to my administration," said Gov.-elect Henry.

"I appreciate the confidence that Gov.-elect Henry has expressed in me. He has made it clear that protecting Oklahoma's environment is a top priority of his administration, and I look forward to helping him with that effort," said Tolbert.

Biographical Information

Susan Savage, Tulsa

Former mayor of Tulsa

Former chief of staff, Tulsa mayor's office

Former executive director, Tulsa Citizens Crime Commission

Bachelor degree, Beaver College (Philadelphia, PA)

Miles Tolbert, Oklahoma City

Former chief, environmental protection unit, Oklahoma Attorney General's Office
Attorney, environmental and natural resources division, U.S. Department of Justice

President-elect, Oklahoma Bar Association Environmental Law Section

Member, Crowe and Dunlevy law firm

Bachelor degree, Stanford University

Law degree, Harvard University

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