

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 7 By: Leftwich, Bell, Brown, Cain, Capps, Cole, Cullison, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Hooper, Horner, Kerr, Lawler, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Mickle, Miles-LaGrange, Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution praising the life and career of Captain Jim Perdue; offering condolences to his family, coworkers and many friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jimmy Gather Perdue, known to all as "The Captain", was born on November 26, 1923, in Birmingham, Alabama. His family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, when he was three months old; and

WHEREAS, Jim Perdue graduated from Central High School in Muskogee, Oklahoma, attended Oklahoma City University and the University of Oklahoma and graduated from the Oklahoma City Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Jim Perdue was a member of the New York Yankees' farm club before serving in the U. S. Navy for three and one-half years during World War II. After the war he elected to remain with his family instead of returning to the Yankees' farm club and pursuing a career in professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, Jim Perdue served 30 years in the Oklahoma City Police Department and retired with the rank of Captain. He then served for two years as Executive Director of the Metro Safety Council. Captain Jim Perdue also served for 27 years as a traffic and metro reporter for KTOK radio; and

WHEREAS, in "Red Rover" Captain Jim Perdue warned motorists of traffic tie-ups and wrecks on Oklahoma City highways. He was the first full-time traffic reporter in the State of Oklahoma and held the national record as the traffic reporter with the longest continuous years of service with one station; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career, Captain Jim Perdue received many awards for his outstanding and dedicated service in the field of accident prevention. He received recognition from the Oklahoma City Safety Council, Oklahoma City Police Traffic Division and the Oklahoma City Police Academy. Captain Perdue also received the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Jerry Marx Award and the KTOK VIP award; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jim Perdue was a member of the India Shrine Temple and a Mason with Myrtle Lodge 145; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jim Perdue is survived by Margie, his wife of 50 years; two daughters, Joella Houck and Dena Hunt; three grandchildren, Christy Parr, Tamara Bewley and Michael Rychlec; great-grandchildren Jordyn Parr, Haley Bewley, and Hilary Parr; sons-in-law Allen Houck and Richard Hunt; and grandson-in-law Keith Parr; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jim Perdue was always ready to lend a helping hand. When stricken ill, he received constant prayers, cards, letters, calls and gifts from family, friends and well-wishers; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 69, Captain Jim Perdue passed away Monday, February 22, 1993, after four bouts with cancer. Services were held on Wednesday, February 24, 1993, at the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of Captain Jim Perdue.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers condolences to the family, friends and coworkers of the late Captain Jim Perdue and joins with the entire Oklahoma City metropolitan area in mourning his loss.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife Margie Perdue and to the Station Manager of KTOK Radio.

Adopted by the Senate the 31st day of March, 1993.

President of the Senate