

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1079

By: Caldwell

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising and commending the life and memory of Charles Burnham "Bud" Wilkinson; expressing sorrow at his passing; extending sympathy to his family; ordering the flag be flown at half-mast; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 9, 1994, Almighty God released Charles Burnham "Bud" Wilkinson from his earthly burdens, bringing to a close a 77-year life filled with accomplishment, respect and honor; and

WHEREAS, Bud Wilkinson will forever be a legend in the State of Oklahoma, for his outstanding efforts as head football coach of the University of Oklahoma Sooners; and

WHEREAS, as head coach of the Sooners, Bud Wilkinson set a record of achievement and excellence by which all of his predecessors have been judged; and

WHEREAS, the measure of a man is not solely found in the number of wins versus the number of losses. Bud Wilkinson was a winner at a game that is far more important than football, Bud Wilkinson was a winner at the game of life; and

WHEREAS, after his career in football came to a close, Bud Wilkinson entered the rough and tumble world of politics, narrowly losing a race for the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, despite that setback, Bud Wilkinson never regretted making the race, and became chairman of the board of Lifetime Sports, which promoted stay-in-shape programs. He later worked on President Richard Nixon's successful 1968 campaign, serving as a White House consultant for more than three years; and

WHEREAS, after leaving politics, Bud Wilkinson continued his winning ways in the world of business, becoming chairman of the board of Planned Marketing Association, an insurance marketing company based in Dallas. He subsequently helped found and was president of the Public Employees Benefit Services Corporation; and

WHEREAS, all of Oklahoma is saddened by the passing of Bud Wilkinson; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives, acting on behalf of the people of this state, wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Bud Wilkinson; and

WHEREAS, the life, the accomplishments and the spirit of Bud Wilkinson will forever be remembered in the Sooner State, and his memory will inspire generations of Oklahomans because Bud Wilkinson epitomized what is best in all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the life and memory of Charles Burnham "Bud" Wilkinson are hereby praised and commended.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, acting on behalf of the people of this state, expresses its deepest sorrow at the news of Bud Wilkinson's passing.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Bud Wilkinson.

THAT the Governor order the Flag of the United States of America be flown at half-mast in honor of Bud Wilkinson.

THAT a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Bud Wilkinson.

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