

SHORT TITLE: Commending the life and career of the late Senator
John McCune; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 21

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising the life and career of Senator John R. McCune; extending sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family, coworkers and friends; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, John R. McCune V, son of John R. McCune and Mary Corson McCune, was born on May 27, 1926, in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1950 and a master's degree in corrections from the University of Notre Dame. During World War II he earned two battle stars while serving as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve. John McCune married Nancy Jane Raymond of Kansas City in 1953; and

WHEREAS, John McCune moved to Oklahoma City in 1962. He was a Rehabilitation Specialist of the Oklahoma Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Senator McCune was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate from District 47 (northwest Oklahoma City) in 1968 and served from 1969 through 1988. He served as Minority Whip during the 33rd and 34th Legislatures (1971-1974), Assistant Minority Leader during the 35th Legislature (1975-1976) and Minority Floor Leader during the 36th Legislature (1977-1978). Senator McCune also served as Vice Chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee during the 40th Legislature (1985-1986) and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Data Processing and Telecommunications during the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature (1987). He also served many years as chairman of the Senate Engrossed and Enrolled Bills Committee. His accuracy and integrity in verifying the correct engrossment and enrollment of legislation were greatly admired and appreciated by

both Senators and staff. In 1989, Governor Henry Bellmon appointed John McCune as legislative liaison for the Bellmon Administration; and

WHEREAS, Senator John McCune sponsored the prison emergency credits law, which established a system for the early release of inmates when the prison population reached capacity. He was respected by legislators of both parties as a man of integrity who voted his conscience. He also compiled an enviable voting record, seldom, if ever, missing a recorded vote in the Senate Chamber. In 1980, Senator McCune was elected Vice Chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). ALEC, a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt public affairs and research organization for state legislators was founded to support the preservation of individual liberties, basic American values, productive free enterprise and limited representative government; and

WHEREAS, John McCune, in addition to his legislative activities, demonstrated his commitment to public service by acting in a leadership role in a wide variety of civic and service organizations. He was an Elder of the Greystone Presbyterian Church. He also served as Governor of the Oklahoma District of Sertoma International (1967-1969) and on the Board of Directors of Sertoma International (1969-1972); President of the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Association; President of the Central Oklahoma Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association; Director of Speck Homes, Incorporated; and President of the Oklahoma City Metro Alliance for Safer Cities; and

WHEREAS, John McCune also served as President of the Oklahoma Halfway House; Trustee of Casady School; President of the Mental Health Association in Oklahoma County; Chairman of the Oklahoma Dispute Resolution Advisory Board; Trustee of William Woods College; Director of the Hospital Hospitality House; Director of the Neighborhood Services Organization; Christmas Seal Chairman of the

Oklahoma County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Organization; and Trustee of the Omniplex Science Museum. He was active for many years in the League for the Blind; Goodwill Industries; and Drug Recovery, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, John McCune was a businessman, the owner of Triangle Petroleum Corporation. He was also Chairman of the Marshall L. and Perrine D. McCune Charitable Foundation which has an endowment of \$80 million and will distribute approximately \$4 million this year. As Chairman of the Foundation, John McCune, nephew of Marshall and Perrine McCune, ensured that the foundation met its mission of making grants that enriched health, education, environment, and cultural and spiritual life; and

WHEREAS, Senator John McCune died unexpectedly Thursday, August 12, 1993, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; five children and their spouses; and thirteen grandchildren.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of Senator John R. McCune.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family, coworkers and friends on behalf of the State Senate and the citizens of this state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Senate as a permanent record of the praise and condolences expressed herein.

THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Nancy; son, John R. McCune VI; and daughters, Sarah Losinger, Molly Cathey, Laurie Lewis and Carrie Katigan.