ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1083

By: Johnson, Benson, Glover, Adair, Adkins, Anthony, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Breckinridge, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Cotner, Cox, Cozort, Crocker, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Dunlap, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Holt, Hutchison, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCorkell, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, O'Neal, Paulk, Peltier, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rhodes, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smaligo, Smith (Bill), Smith (Dale), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Stottlemyre, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells and Worthen of the House

and

Taylor of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution praising the life and career of Representative Bill Widener; expressing sorrow and condolences for his untimely death; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a great sadness has fallen over this state at the passing of a very honorable and distinguished Oklahoman, State Representative Bill Widener; and

WHEREAS, Bill Widener was a man of integrity, a man of honor and a man who shouldered responsibility with a smile; in other words, a man who was the embodiment of virtues which Oklahomans hold dear; and

WHEREAS, this special man, who served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for almost eight terms, representing House District 57 since 1981, was a man of high ideals and principle, who strived to help all Oklahomans, not only individuals in his district, but people throughout the state, because he truly believed that there was no loftier purpose in life than helping others; and

WHEREAS, his soul was kindness and his word was cheer, and he was ever ready to give assistance to those who were troubled; and

WHEREAS, the call to public office was for Bill Widener a call to help Oklahoma achieve greatness and his efforts were directed toward that goal; and

WHEREAS, as Majority Whip for the House of Representatives, Bill Widener was a recognized leader who displayed a fidelity to duty that made him a highly regarded member of the House, admired by members from both parties; and

WHEREAS, Bill Widener faced life with an optimism that was inspirational and he will be remembered by all as a man who always had a smile on his face and a cheerful greeting for those he encountered; and

WHEREAS, although death has taken our colleague and close friend from us, he will never pass from our thoughts and the pain of his loss is tempered by the memory of what he has meant to us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the people of this state, praises the life and career of Representative Bill Widener and expresses deepest sorrow for his untimely death.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family of Representative Bill Widener.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and 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 dispatched to his wife, Euteva, and son, Troy Alan.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate