

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 67

By: Mickle of the Senate
and
Dunegan of the House

A Concurrent Resolution praising the life and many accomplishments of M.E. Dobbins; commending the First Baptist Church of Durant for their support of the Boy Scouts; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, M.E. Dobbins began as a Scoutmaster in Fletcher, Oklahoma, in 1932 and continued upon moving to Clarita, Oklahoma, in 1939 and continued as a Scoutmaster in Osage, Oklahoma, until moving to Durant, Oklahoma, on August 1, 1946. Less than a week later, on Monday, August 4, 1946, at 6:30 p.m., Scoutmaster M.E. Dobbins met with one Boy Scout in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma. He served continuously as a Scoutmaster until his death on December 16, 1990, giving him a total of 58 years as an active Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of M.E. Dobbins 125 young men were transformed into Eagle Scouts. At the time of his death, this was a national record. At the time of his 100th young man becoming an Eagle Scout, Governor George Nigh declared M.E. Dobbins Day in the State of Oklahoma. M.E. Dobbins

served as Scoutmaster for over 3,000 Scouts and participated in approximately 1,200 overnight camps; and

WHEREAS, M.E. Dobbins was a teacher by vocation and taught shop and woodworking in public schools in Fletcher, Clarita, Osage and Durant, Oklahoma. He also served on the First Baptist Church Board of Deacons and as both Director and teacher in their Sunday School Department. He received awards of the Silver Beaver, the Good Shepherd, the Silver Good Shepherd and a lifetime gold Boy Scouts of America membership plaque; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago Boy Scout Troop 618 and Cub Scout Pack 618 were chartered at the First Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma. On Sunday, May 26, 1996, the "M.E. Dobbins Scout Hut" will be dedicated in Durant, Oklahoma, on property made available by the First Baptist Church. This building will be dedicated for use by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the life and many accomplishments of M.E. Dobbins.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the First Baptist Church of Durant, Oklahoma, for their support of the Boy Scouts of America.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to M.E. Dobbins' son James of Bowling Green, Kentucky; M.E. Dobbins' son Bob of Pogosa Springs, Colorado; the First Baptist Church of Durant, Oklahoma; and the M.E. Dobbins Scout Hut.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives