

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1051 By: Johnson, Adair, Adkins, Anthony, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Benson, 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, Glover, 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, Stottlemeyre, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells, Widener and Worthen

A Resolution expressing pride in John E. Kirkpatrick for his generosity and for his major contributions; wishing John E. Kirkpatrick much happiness on his 88th birthday; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the words of Robert South, "If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives"; and

WHEREAS, these impressive words truly describe John E. Kirkpatrick, a very intelligent, generous, and giving Oklahoma businessman and distinguished U.S. veteran who has made enormous contributions to his community and the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, John E. Kirkpatrick graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1931, earning a Bachelor's Degree of Science, and a few years later, attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business; and

WHEREAS, John E. Kirkpatrick was called into active duty during World War II where he bravely and courageously served his beloved country aboard the USS North Carolina for 54 months as an Air Defense Officer; and

WHEREAS, having maintained his Naval Commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve, John E. Kirkpatrick attained the rank of Rear Admiral, a rank he holds with honor and dignity; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Patrick Henry Medal of Honor was bestowed upon John E. Kirkpatrick in honor of his great patriotic service to his nation by the Oklahoma City Chapter of Military Order of the World Wars; and

WHEREAS, John E. Kirkpatrick also has loyally served his community as an outstanding civic leader in the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan area, where he has served on the Board of Directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center; Trustee and Director of the Kirkpatrick Manor; Honorary Chairman of Lyric Theater; and Trustee and Honorary Chairman of the Board of the Oklahoma Science & Arts Foundation, donating its building at the State Fairgrounds in 1962, as well as donating the Out-Patient Dental Clinic to St. Anthony Hospital in 1960; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished civic-minded John E. Kirkpatrick also has served as a Life Board Member of the Oklahoma City Art Museum, generously donating their present building in 1958, and a Board of

Governors Member of the Oklahoma Center for Science and Arts, donating the Kirkpatrick Center in 1977; and

WHEREAS, because of all of his incredible generosity and commitment to the spirit of community, John E. Kirkpatrick, in 1986, was heralded as the "Outstanding Philanthropist" by the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives; and

WHEREAS, more recently in 1995, John E. Kirkpatrick was a recipient of the American Association of Museums' Medal for distinguished philanthropy, a prestigious medal awarded annually to honor persons who have made outstanding contributions to museums through exceptional financial generosity, support for collection, exhibitions and programs, and by assuming volunteer leadership and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, for his outstanding commitment to community and his numerous philanthropic benefactions, John E. Kirkpatrick's name was honored at the dedication of the "John E. Kirkpatrick Horticulture Center" in April 1990 at the Oklahoma State University Technical Branch located in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Patience Latting and the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce proclaimed November 7, 1975, as "John E. Kirkpatrick Day in Oklahoma City"; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 1996, John E. Kirkpatrick, loving husband to his wife, Eleanor, adoring father to his daughter, Joan, and proud grandfather of Christian Kent Keese, will celebrate his 88th birthday; and

WHEREAS, John E. Kirkpatrick, a renowned Oklahoma businessman, patriot, and philanthropist, has given countless time and energies throughout his life supporting those endowments and initiatives which make Oklahoma the great state that it is.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses immense pride in John E. Kirkpatrick for his extreme generosity and for the major contributions he has made to his grateful community and the great State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes John E. Kirkpatrick much happiness on his very special 88th birthday.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the permanent journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives of the 2nd Session of the 45th Oklahoma Legislature.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to John E. Kirkpatrick, a great and generous Oklahoman who is a source of inspiration to us all.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 13th day of February, 1996.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives