ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 28 By: Price, Bell, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Cole, Dickerson, Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Kerr, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Monson, Muegge, Pierce, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Don), Williams (Penny) and Wright

A Resolution praising the life and career of the late State Senator Ray A. Giles; extending sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and many friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ray A. Giles was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma, on June 28, 1923, the son of William A. Giles and Eunice B. (Winn) Giles. Growing up in Carnegie, Oklahoma, he graduated from Alden High School. He attended Carnegie Junior College from 1940 until 1941 when World War II interfered with his educational plans; and

WHEREAS, Ray A. Giles began his distinguished career of public service in the Army Air Corps when he was stationed in the European Theater from 1941 to 1945. He was awarded three Battle Stars, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Croix De Guerre avec Palme and the Order of the French Air Force Distinguished Unit Badge from the 12th Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Ray A. Giles married Mary R. Martin on November 11, 1944, in Fort Cobb. Senator Giles and his wife moved to Chickasha in 1946. He had farmed in the Grady and Caddo counties since that time. He and his wife had two children, Nita Raye and William Martin; and

WHEREAS, Ray A. Giles served as a member of the State Board of Agriculture until 1976, when he was first elected to the Oklahoma State Senate from District 23. Senator Giles was listed in Who's Who in American Politics during his Senate career. He ably represented his constituents until his retirement from the Oklahoma State Senate in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ray A. Giles from Pocasset served as Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee since its creation in 1981. Much of the legislative activity during his State Senate tenure involved water, oil and gas, and the environment. As Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, he was highly respected for the fair, evenhanded and impartial manner in which he tackled controversial and emotional issues concerning energy, conservation and the environment. He also served as a member of the Senate Appropriations, Business and Labor, Finance, Rules, and Wildlife Committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ray A. Giles was a leader of the movement to shorten annual state legislative sessions. He was co-chair of an initiative petition drive that led to limiting legislative sessions. Senator Giles supported setting a specific date for adjournment, which ended the practice of recessing sessions and returning at a later date to appropriate additional funds. The result was State Question 620 which set new dates on which regular sessions of the

Legislature met. It was adopted in a Special Election held March 14, 1989; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ray A. Giles received honors from the Caddo County Mineral Owners, Oklahoma Rural Water District, Oklahoma Mineral Owners Association, Hall of Fame and Conservation Friend of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts of Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Commission, and the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation recognized by the Sierra Club. Since 1985, he had been a life-time member of the National Association of Royalty Owners (NARO). Senator Giles was inducted as the fourth member in the NARO Hall of Fame in 1993. He served on the Board of Trustees at Grady Memorial Hospital and the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma National Bank; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ray A. Giles was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder. He was a member of the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Royalty Owners, Oklahoma Mineral Owners Association, Caddo County Mineral Owners, Disabled American Veterans, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, and the Cattlemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, all Oklahoma citizens benefited from the able and knowledgeable leadership of Senator Ray A. Giles, and the legacy of his dedicated service in the areas of energy and the environment is a gift to Oklahomans for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature honored Senator Ray A. Giles on his retirement by the passage of Senate Resolution No. 36; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ray A. Giles died Monday, May 30, 1995, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was buried Friday, June 2, 1995, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Mary; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Jana Giles of Rowlett, Texas; daughter, Nita R. Giles of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Naomi Chadwick of Riverside, California, Alma Bogue of Ulysses, Kansas, and Lois Kindblade of Carnegie, Oklahoma; one brother, Ivan Giles of Carnegie, Oklahoma; and two grandchildren, Jamie and Jennifer Giles of Rowlett, Texas.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of the late Senator Ray A. Giles.

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

THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be distributed to his wife Mary, and children, Nita and Bill.

Adopted by the Senate the 7th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate