

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1073

By: Glover

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring and commending the Honorable Clem McSpadden for distinguished service to his family, community, state and nation; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is proud of her native son, Mr. Clem McSpadden, a distinguished man, who was born in Chelsea, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the honorable Clem McSpadden has dedicated the majority of his life to the betterment of his family, community and the state of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden has achieved the highest recognition in the area of rodeo announcing by the fact that he was the first professional rodeo announcer to practice this profession continuously for fifty years, having announced in 38 states across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden announced his first rodeo in Davenport, Iowa, in 1947, where he also was entered as a professional rodeo contestant; and

WHEREAS, among other notable achievements, Oklahoma's native son, Clem McSpadden, accomplished the following: announced three National Finals Rodeos; served as general manager of the National Finals Rodeo, leading it to success for 18 years in Oklahoma City; announced the College Finals Rodeos, High School Finals Rodeos,

Indian National Finals Rodeos; and the Lazy E Arena Rodeos for the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Clem McSpadden started the "World's Richest Roping" contest for top professional ropers at his ranch near Bushyhead, the first competitive ranch roping contest in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden continued his outstanding announcing career by being selected as the first American to announce the Calgary Stampede and the Canadian Finals Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden is also the only Oklahoman to announce at Madison Square Garden in New York and at the Cow Palace in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the renowned Clem McSpadden was ABC's "Wide World of Sports" color announcer for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden's voice has continued to be heard across the great State of Oklahoma, utilizing his talents to the betterment of government; and

WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden served his beloved state with honor for 18 years in the Oklahoma State Senate and was the first in Oklahoma history to succeed himself as Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished Clem McSpadden served the 2nd Congressional District of Oklahoma in the 93rd Congress; and

WHEREAS, as well as being a successful businessman and politician, Clem McSpadden, the loving husband for 34 years to his wife, Donna, and the loving father to his son and business partner, Bart, is known and recognized by friends and colleagues as a dedicated and caring family man.

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 is proud to honor and commend one of Oklahoma's most distinguished and well-known figures, Clem McSpadden, a man who has accomplished what all Oklahomans

should strive for in service to their families, community, state and nation.

That the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes Clem McSpadden continued success in his present and future endeavors.

That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Honorable Clem McSpadden.

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