SHORT TITLE: Concurrent Resolution commending the life and service of Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr. of Shawnee; designating certain bridge as the "Pierre F. Taron Jr. Bridge"; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 73

By: Henry, Wilkerson and Haney
of the Senate

and

Weaver of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending the life and service of Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr. of Shawnee; designating the MacArthur Street bridge on State Highway 3 in Shawnee as the "Pierre F. Taron Jr. Bridge"; directing the Department of Transportation to place appropriate markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Pierre F. Taron Jr. was born April 8, 1924, in Shawnee Oklahoma. He married Glennabelle Wilcox on August 6, 1944, and they have six children, 17 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taron has lived in Shawnee all of his life except for three years from 1942 to 1945 during which he served his country in the European Theater, combat flying with the 86th Fighter Bomber Group, 526 Squadron; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taron spent 41 years operating the family dry cleaning and laundry business in Shawnee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taron was first elected to public office in 1962, served four years as City Commissioner, was elected Mayor of Shawnee in 1966, served continuously as Mayor through 1974, and was reelected Mayor of Shawnee in 1986 and continues to serve at the present time; and

WHEREAS, from 1974 to 1986, Mr. Taron worked with civic groups and governmental agencies on issues of interest and concern to the

Shawnee community, serving as Executive Director of the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District from 1975 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taron was on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Municipal League from 1968 through 1974, serving as President of the Oklahoma Municipal League from 1972 through 1973, was reelected to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Municipal League in 1988 and continues to serve on the Board. In 1990, Mr. Taron assisted Mayor Dick Reynolds of Norman and others in forming the Oklahoma Conference of Mayors, of which he presently serves as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Pierre F. Taron Jr. has devoted his life to the service of his community, state, and country.

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 MacArthur Street Bridge on State Highway 3 in Shawnee be and is hereby designated the "Pierre F. Taron Jr. Bridge" as a lasting testimonial to the life and service of Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon said bridge bearing the name "Pierre F. Taron Jr. Bridge" and an appropriate designation to memorialize the life and service of Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Transportation, the City of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Mayor Pierre F. Taron Jr.

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