

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 39

By: Milacek, Brown, Cain,  
Campbell, Capps, Dickerson,  
Douglass, Dunlap, Easley,  
Fair, Fisher, Ford,  
Gustafson, Haney, Harrison,  
Helton, Hendrick, Henry,  
Herbert, Hobson, Horner,  
Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich,  
Littlefield, Long, Maddox,  
Martin, Mickle, Monson,  
Morgan, Muegge, Price,  
Rabon, Roberts, Robinson,  
Rozell, Shurden, Smith,  
Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,  
Weedn, Wilcoxson,  
Wilkerson, Williams,  
Williamson and Wright of  
the Senate

and

Pope (Clay) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of State Highway 51 the "Jack H. Choate Memorial Highway"; directing the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate was born February 1, 1913, in Hennessey, Oklahoma. He graduated from Hennessey High School in 1933 and was named to the All-State football team. While attending high school, Choate worked at Johnston's Cafe. Choate attended both Oklahoma State University and Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he played football; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission from 1939 to 1941. Jack married the former Jule J. Judson on September 13, 1941. In 1942 he joined the U.S. Army where he served in the European Theatre and landed on Utah Beach during the D-Day invasion. Choate was discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate started the Choate Insurance Agency in Hennessey in 1946. His family invested in Hennessey community life, including such diversified activities as farming, ranching, horse breeding and racing, an auto dealership, a housing development and a variety of oil and gas related ventures. He was owner of the 1990 Remington Park Derby Champion Wicked Destiny. Choate was also named 1990 Owner of the Year by racing fans at the Remington Park race track in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate served as a member of the Hennessey Board of Education, the Kingfisher County Excise Board, the Hennessey Golf and Country Club Board and the Universal Resources Board. He served on the boards of the First National Bank of Hennessey and the Pioneer Telephone Cooperative. He was also a member of the Lions Club and a 32nd Degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate was selected by the Hennessey Chamber of Commerce as Hennessey "Citizen of the Year" in 1987 and "Outstanding Citizen" in 1963, the only Hennessey citizen to be so honored. Jack and his wife were honorary grand marshals of the 1991 Pat Hennessey Celebration parade. Jack was one of Hennessey's top community boosters and gave assistance to numerous civic and church programs. He was the recipient of numerous citations from scouting, sporting, church, civic and agricultural groups; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Choate died in his Hennessey home on Wednesday, October 7, 1991, and was buried in the Hennessey Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT State Highway 51 between Highway 81 and Highway 132 in Kingfisher County be designated the "Jack H. Choate Memorial Highway" to honor the memory of this outstanding state civic leader.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon the highway bearing such name.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of Jack H. Choate and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of February, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
1998.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives