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ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 78

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

and

Boyd (Laura) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the memory of Byron Lee Cate, Sr.; extending sympathy and condolences to his family; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Byron Lee Cate was born January 18, 1942, in Norman, Oklahoma. He was the son of Frances and Roscoe Simmons Cate, Jr. His father, Roscoe Simmons Cate, began his career with the University of Oklahoma in 1944 and served as Vice President for Financial Affairs until his death in 1960. Lee Cate graduated from Norman High School in 1960 and attended the University of Oklahoma where he majored in political science and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Lee married Sylvia Sharon Martin on January 15, 1963, in Norman, Oklahoma. Lee Cate was elected Justice of the Peace and served in that capacity from 1964 to 1966. Lee Cate graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Oklahoma

College of Law in 1972 and was in the private practice of law in Norman, Oklahoma, from 1972 through 1992; and

WHEREAS, Lee Cate was elected to the State House of Representatives from District 44 in 1966, a position he held until 1973. In the House of Representatives Lee Cate served on the Appropriations and Budget Committee where he was Chair of the Subcommittee on Institutions. Lee Cate also served on the Banks and Banking Committee, Constitutional Revision and Regulatory Services Committee, Finance and Commerce Committee and Judiciary Committee. He also held the positions of Vice Chair of the Engrossed and Enrolled Bills Committee and Chair of the Higher Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lee Cate was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1973 from District 16 and served until 1986. In the State Senate Lee Cate served on the County, State and Federal Government Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Human Resources Committee, Judiciary and Retirement Committee, Public and Mental Health Committee and the Standards and Ethics Committee. Senator Cate also served as Chair of the Appropriations and Budget Committee, Chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, Vice Chair of the Education Committee, Vice Chair of the Higher Education Committee, Vice Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee and Vice Chair of the Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lee Cate served as Assistant District Attorney for Cleveland County from 1992 until his death. He was assigned primarily to juvenile cases, delinquent and deprived children and mental health. He also served on various local task forces involved with the problems of children. He was instrumental in developing and implementing the In-patient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Lee Cate was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Cleveland County Bar Association, the Oklahoma District

Attorney's Association and the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. He served on the Oklahoma Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council from 1995 until his death. He was honored as the Outstanding Assistant District Attorney in 1995 by the Oklahoma District Attorney's Association. Lee Cate was the first state legislator to receive the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from the state Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Byron Lee Cate, Sr. died in his Norman, Oklahoma, home on Friday, April 10, 1998.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors the memory of the late Byron Lee Cate, Sr.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature extends sympathy and condolences to his family.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Sylvia; his son, Byron Lee Cate, Jr.; his daughter, Christie Lee Kelso; and his brother, John Cate.

Adopted by the Senate the 27th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives