

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 55 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

A Resolution praising the cowboy career of Cecil Cornish; honoring the life of Cecil Cornish as embodying the spirit of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Cecil Cornish was born the youngest of eight children on September 28, 1909, near Waukomis, Oklahoma. Cecil trained animals on the farm and became a distinguished trick rider and rodeo performer. With a natural aptitude for entertaining, he started with a colt named Smokey and for the rest of the century Cecil was among the preeminent rodeo showmen of the wild west; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Cornish worked with motion picture and television stars such as Rex Allen, Gene Autry, Gene Barry, Red Foley, Michael Landon, Martha Rae, Tex Ritter and Roy Rogers. For 30 years, in partnership with his trick horse, Smokey, Cecil Cornish was a leading rodeo entertainer, animal trainer and all around performing cowboy; and

WHEREAS, Cecil entertained with a number of animal acts including a Liberty six-horse dancing act, performing the waltz, Virginia Reel, and other dances; a Roman jumping team, riding two horses and jumping through a hoop of fire; and his famous Brahma steer act with the steer jumping over a car; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Robert N. Gray wrote "Mr. Rodeo, Himself: Cecil Cornish, His Life and Treasures" which was published by the Rodeo Press of Waukomis, Oklahoma. A year later in 1991, Cecil Cornish was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the cowboy career of Cecil Cornish.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the life of Cecil Cornish as embodying the spirit of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Cecil Cornish. Adopted by the Senate the 16th day of March, 1998.

President of the Senate