

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 57 By: Easley, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, 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

A Resolution honoring the memory of Greg Gifford; designating SB 1022 and SB 1023 as "Greg's Law"; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, shortly before midnight on July 31, 1997, on the Turner Turnpike near Tulsa, Oklahoma, a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer slowed down for a construction zone. The occupants of the Blazer were Greg Gifford, Justin Flake, Sam Cearley and Clint Hill. The four teenagers were returning to Tulsa after visiting Whitewater Bay in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. All four were honor students who had just finished their sophomore year at East Central High School in Tulsa; and

WHEREAS, a drunk driver, reportedly driving a vehicle at speeds up to or exceeding 90 miles an hour, rammed the Blazer as it slowed for a construction zone. Greg Gifford, popular student and accomplished athlete, was declared dead at the scene. Justin Flake was taken by helicopter to Saint Francis Hospital and has since fully recovered although at the time his injuries were considered critical. Sam Cearley and Clint Hill were treated at and released from Saint Francis Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the driver of the other vehicle pleaded guilty in Creek County District Court to a first-degree manslaughter count and to operating a motor vehicle involved in an injury after testing at more than a 0.26 blood alcohol count. The driver had two previous driving under the influence (DUI) convictions on his record at the time of the accident; and

WHEREAS, the incident might have been avoided had legislation requiring the forfeiture of a person's vehicle upon a second DUI conviction been in effect in Oklahoma. Responding to this situation, Tulsa area lawmakers introduced SB 1022 and SB 1023 in the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the memory of Greg Gifford.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate designates Senate Bills 1022 and 1023 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature as "Greg's Law".

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of Greg Gifford and to Justin Flake, Clint Hill and Sam Cearley.

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

President of the Senate