ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 27

By: Stipe, Fisher, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, 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, Taylor, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams, Williamson and Wright of the Senate

and

Glover, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Bastin, Begley, Benson, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd (Betty), Boyd (Laura), Braddock, Bryant, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hager, Hamilton, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Key, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Newport, O'Neal, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Ramsey, Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Ross, Sadler, Satterfield, Seikel, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Steidley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Voskuhl, Weaver, Webb, Weese, Wells, Wilt and Worthen of the House

A Concurrent Resolution praising Harry Culver for completing 50 years as a professional journalist; wishing him well upon the occasion of his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Harry Strader Culver was born August 19, 1922, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, son of Harry and Opal Victoria Strader Culver. He married Mattie Lee Hardy on September 2, 1945. The couple have three children: Linda Ruth Slott, an Oklahoma City school teacher; Peggy Lee Dubois, an Oklahoma City medical doctor; and Harry David Culver, Senior Minister of the First Christian Church of Atchison, Kansas. The couple also have eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in journalism with minors in economics and English at the University of Oklahoma. Harry spent one year as a graduate assistant in journalism at the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver grew up in the small farming community of Homestead, Oklahoma. As a boy, Harry knew how to drive a tractor, but years later when he entered the military, he earned a four-engine commercial pilot's license before he ever learned to drive a car. Captain Culver was a B-17 pilot and Flight Leader with the 92nd Bomb Group, based in England during World War II. The 92nd was part of the Eighth Air Force, commanded by General Jimmy Doolittle. Harry was a pilot in the Christmas Eve 1944 Battle of the Bulge when 53 flying fortresses of his 92nd Bomb Group joined others in the Eighth Air Force in forming the then largest air attack in history numbering more than 2,000 planes. Out of 53 planes in the 92nd Bomb Group, only 13 returned to England. Harry flew a total of 33 combat missions over Germany; and

WHEREAS, during the war Harry Culver was forced down three times due to engine trouble, enemy fire or both. Once he landed during a snowstorm on an emergency field in France with one man injured, two engines shot out and over 350 holes in his plane. On his final combat mission, on March 18, 1945, Harry lost an engine on a bomb run over Berlin. With one engine on fire, running low on fuel, in the midst of both heavy flak from the ground and fighter attack in the air, Harry headed towards Sweden. He finished the war confined in Sweden; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver worked for the Anadarko Daily News and Shawnee News Star. However, Harry Culver is best known for the 35 years he spent as a state legislative and political reporter for United Press International. His reporting career spanned the terms of eight Oklahoma governors. From May, 1985 to the present, Harry has served as Public Information Officer for the Office of State Finance, serving during the term of four Governors. In June, 1997, Harry Culver will complete 50 years of continuous employment as a professional journalist; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver is an active member of the Society of Professional Journalists, International Federation of Journalists, the Newspaper Guild and the Wire Service Guild. Harry was also a member of the Oklahoma City Gridiron Club. He served for five years as Secretary-Treasurer and five years as National President of the Wire Service Guild, representing 2,000 employees of the Associated Press and United Press International. Harry Culver spent 14 years on the International Executive Board of the Newspaper Guild, including ten years as Chair. Harry also served ten years on the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Journalists; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver won the Beachy Musselman award for government reporting, the Higher Educational Alumni Council award for government reporting and the Oklahoma Education Association Marshall Gregory award for education reporting. Harry was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame and was honored by receiving the Guild Service award from the Newspaper Guild; and

WHEREAS, Harry Culver has always been dedicated to his mission and, although thorough and professional in his approach, he has always been genuinely kind toward his clients and co-workers. Harry has been the primary contact for countless members of the media,

academia and the general public who have been interested in learning more about their state government finances. He has come to be known and trusted for his high quality work, loyalty and professional demeanor. Beginning as an Oklahoma journalist 50 years ago, Harry Culver has built a strong reputation for his knowledge of the state budget process working as both a print reporter and as Public Information Officer at the Office of State Finance. Harry has worked with and for many Oklahoma governors, gaining the respect and admiration of each and every one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises Harry Culver for completing 50 successful years as a professional journalist.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature wishes Harry Culver well upon the occasion of his retirement, July 1, 1997.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Harry Culver; his wife, Mattie Culver; his daughters, Linda Slott and Peggy Dubois; and his son, David Culver.