

ENROLLED SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 43 By: Herbert, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Hendrick, Henry, 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 praising the life and career of William J. Rodriguez; mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, William J. "Bill" Rodriguez was born on March 22, 1920 in Oklahoma City to Ray and Lenora Rodriguez. He attended Little Flower School, St. Joseph's School and Oklahoma City University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez was employed by Wilson & Company in 1939 and was drafted into military service in 1942. He was taken prisoner of war in 1944 and was discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez returned to Oklahoma City and his employment at Wilson & Company after discharge from the service. He worked for Wilson & Company for forty years, retiring in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez joined VFW Post 1857 and served as Post Commander for nine terms. He served as District Commander. He made National Aide de Camp a total of 28 times, including a period of 18 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez served on the War Veterans Commission and was appointed a member of the Diamond Jubilee Committee by Governor George Nigh; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez completed thirteen legislative sessions as Sergeant at Arms of the Oklahoma Senate, serving from January 4, 1983 through February 20, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Bill Rodriguez died on May 26, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Helen; three daughters, Mary Helen Evans, Jeannie Chandler, and Teresa Doughty; one son, Roy Glenn Rodriguez; a sister, Della Montoya; a brother, Roy Rodriguez; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of William J. Rodriguez.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns his loss.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife, Helen; his daughters Mary Helen Evans, Jeannie Chandler, and Teresa Doughty; and his son, Roy Glenn Rodriguez.