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RESOLUTION NO. 65 By: Gustafson, Brown, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, 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 the late Irvin K. Bollenbach; praising his work in agriculture, aviation and the community; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Irvin K. Bollenbach, who passed away September 4, 1997, heightened the enjoyment of any event merely by his presence and bestowed upon his family, friends, and community unwaivering commitment and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Irvin K. Bollenbach of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, was blessed with a spirit that enabled him to become a successful businessman, pilot, rancher and community leader. He was an aviation pioneer who began his career as a World War II flight instructor in the Army Air Corps at College Station, Texas. Following the war, he returned to Kingfisher, Oklahoma, owned an aerial spray company and, in cooperation with Oklahoma A & M College, was the first pilot in Oklahoma to spray wheat for Green Bugs. Irvin Bollenbach founded the Kingfisher Airport, delivered newspapers by air to ranchers and farmers, flew 4-H and Future Farmers of America members over crops to teach them about soil conservation, and directed the arrival of the airplane that carried Santa Claus to Kingfisher's annual Christmas parade. His accomplishments and devotion to aviation earned his induction into the Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Irvin K. Bollenbach was an avid wildlife conservationist who enjoyed fishing and hunting. He established and was very proud of the Irvin Bollenbach Endowed Chair in Wildlife Biology at Oklahoma State University. In 1967, he began the first Grand National Quail Hunt, which has continued for 31 years, drawing sportsmen and celebrities from around the country to his Paradise Valley Ranch in Northwest Kingfisher County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Irvin K. Bollenbach's commitment to his state and community are evident by the many organizations with which he was affiliated, including the Kingfisher Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Kingfisher County Cattlemen's Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, Sportsmen's Club, All Sports Association, State Fair of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. He also served as Elder and Past Chair of the Federated Church; and

WHEREAS, Irvin K. Bollenbach was blessed with a devoted family that includes a wife, Eloise; sons, Scott and Barry and their wives, Barbara and Joyce; grandchildren, Laura B., Angela, Austin, Tammy, Kurt and Melissa; and brother, Ray and his wife, Thelma.

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 the late Irvin K. Bollenbach.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life, work and inspiring community, agriculture and aviation accomplishments of a great Oklahoman, Irvin K. Bollenbach.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Irvin K. Bollenbach's wife, Eloise; his sons, Scott and Barry; and his brother, Ray.