

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1063

By: Culver, Benson, Adair,  
Glover, Davis and Graves  
of the House

and

Rozell of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising the life and career of William Pascal Willis, former Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; extending condolences to the family of Speaker Willis; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, death has descended upon the earth and taken from us a great Oklahoman, William P. (Bill) Willis, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a man whose career of public service did so much for our state; and

WHEREAS, the passing of this noble man who led the House of Representatives through difficult times causes great sadness and leaves a void that cannot be filled; and

WHEREAS, the many accomplishments of Bill Willis are too numerous to catalogue and to do so would not begin to adequately tell the measure of the man; and

WHEREAS, Bill Willis, who served in the House of Representatives from 1959 through 1986 and who served as Speaker from 1973 through 1978, was a man of integrity whose style of leadership emphasized fairness to all sides of an issue; and

WHEREAS, Bill Willis was unflinching in his resolve to do what was right for the state, whatever the political consequences, and did not avoid controversy if the welfare of the state was at stake; and

WHEREAS, Bill Willis was a true statesman throughout his distinguished career, who was both respected and relied upon by all with whom he came in contact, for his sound judgment and ability to find solutions to difficult problems; and

WHEREAS, although good men must die, death cannot kill their names; and

WHEREAS, the name of Bill Willis will always be remembered and the legacy he leaves this state will never be forgotten.

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

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the people of this state, praises the life and career of William Pascal Willis, former Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature extends heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family of Speaker Willis.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Journal of the Oklahoma State Senate as a permanent record of the sentiments expressed herein.

THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be dispatched to the family of Bill Willis, including his wife, Zelma, and his children.

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