

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1049

By: Newport

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution designating Les Gilliam to be The Oklahoma Balladeer; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "Music is the universal language of mankind"; and

WHEREAS, well-known country and western entertainer, songwriter and recording artist Les Gilliam, who is a native of Gene Autry, Oklahoma, speaks that language most eloquently; and

WHEREAS, Les Gilliam's presentation of music combined with enthralling stories about the music and recording artists provide a unique entertainment experience; and

WHEREAS, Les Gilliam's many appearances at events such as the International Country Music Festival in Vienna, Austria and many events throughout the United States have been thoroughly enjoyed by his audiences who are left with lasting memories of quality entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Les Gilliam's music provides a pathway for his audiences to experience the richness of country and western music; and

WHEREAS, Les Gilliam, through his work with the Oklahoma Arts Council Touring Program, the Western Music Association and the International Western Swing Association, has extended a positive image for country and western music and for this state; and

WHEREAS, Les Gilliam, has been a prominent goodwill ambassador for the State of Oklahoma and deserves official recognition of his services to this state.

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

THAT Les Gilliam is hereby designated The Oklahoma Balladeer, to commemorate his many accomplishments and to give evidence of the high esteem held for Les Gilliam in this state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to Mr. Les Gilliam.

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