

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 41

By: Stipe of the Senate

and

Glover and Askins of the
House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring Mr. Ray H. Page for his many years of dedicated public service; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page graduated from Delaware High School, Delaware, Oklahoma, and attended Coffeyville Junior College in Coffeyville, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page graduated from Military Police School at Fort Riley, Kansas, then served overseas with the Army Military Police Criminal Investigation Division where he investigated criminal offenses by and against American personnel. After being honorably discharged, he was commissioned in the Army Reserves and assigned to Military Intelligence. During this period, Lieutenant Page attended the Army Criminal Investigation School at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, from 1946 until 1952, Ray H. Page was employed by the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, serving in the Patrol Division and Detective Division, ending his tenure as a Detective Sergeant in the Homicide Division. During this period he was named as one of six "irreplaceable" members of the Tulsa Police Department and played a major role in the Nancy Doss Case which ended when Mrs. Doss admitted poisoning five husbands; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page served as an Agent with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation from 1952 until 1956. He was the first

person promoted to the newly created position of Field Inspector;
and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page was employed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters as a Special Agent for the State of Oklahoma from 1956 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page was appointed as Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety in 1959. After serving three months, he was appointed as Commissioner, a position he held until 1963; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page was appointed as Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he served from 1963 until late 1971. During that period of time, he was responsible for the administration of the entire state penal system, which at the time had 400 employees, 2,500 inmates and a multi-million-dollar budget. During this period he exchanged himself as a hostage for a young girl and a McAlester policeman who were being held by an escaped, armed convict. Mr. Page convinced the man to surrender; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page, while in the private sector, was a member of Governor Bellmon's survey team for corrections; and

WHEREAS, from 1988 to 1992, Ray H. Page served as Executive Director of the Pardon and Parole Board and continued to serve as a Board member from 1992 until 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ray H. Page has served the public in state and federal government for approximately a quarter of a century. He served in administrations of governors of both parties, always placing the safety of the Oklahoma citizen as his top priority. His courageous, cool and calm demeanor has been evidenced throughout his career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Mr. Ray H. Page for his many years of dedicated public service.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mr. Ray H. Page, his wife Josephine D. Page, and the Chair of the Pardon and Parole Board.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives