ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 82

By: Taylor, Easley, Brown, Williams, Cain, Campbell, Capps, Coffee, Crutchfield, Dickerson, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Long, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Weedn, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson and Williamson of the Senate

and

Easley and Rice of the House

A Concurrent Resolution expressing appreciation to Charles and Lynn Schusterman for sharing their vision and insight, their extraordinary sense of community responsibility, and dedication to their philanthropic philosophy as demonstrated through their charitable activities; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Charles and Lynn Schusterman are life-long residents of this great State, people who embody the pioneering spirit and the family values of the citizens of Oklahoma through their compassion, perseverance, and steadfast commitment to enhancing the quality of life here and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, native son Charles Schusterman was an outstanding student at the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1958 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, and is among its most distinguished alumni; and

WHEREAS, Charles Schusterman, refusing to be limited by the physical ailments he continues to endure as a result of his

seventeen-year battle with leukemia, has achieved remarkable success in business through the Samson Investment Company, the privately-held energy company he founded and for which he currently serves as Chair and Co-Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Samson is engaged in the production, development and exploration for oil and gas, acquires and operates producing properties, ranks among the 30 largest independent oil and gas companies in the United States, and is the largest independent gas-producing company headquartered in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Samson is active everywhere from the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico through most states west of the Mississippi to the frozen tundra of Canada, as well as in Russia and Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Schusterman has demonstrated great courage, devotion, and enduring faith while acting as Charles' primary caregiver during his long battle against leukemia and other illnesses, and provided a stable and supportive home life for their three children; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Schusterman continues to inspire and lead our community by word and deed, especially as a child advocate through her efforts at the Schusterman Parent Child Center in Tulsa and the Succat Shalom Schusterman Center for Children and Families in Jerusalem to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, individually and through their professionally-staffed family foundation, Charles and Lynn Schusterman are dedicated and respected philanthropists who give back to society through their support of a wide range of Oklahoma-based, non-sectarian charitable organizations and a multitude of programs that enhance and enrich Jewish life in Oklahoma, North America, Israel, and the former Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, the Schustermans firmly believe that philanthropy involves more than just the commitment of financial resources and

devote substantial time to serving on boards and otherwise working on behalf of those organizations and causes most dear to them; and

WHEREAS, among the numerous organizations that have honored the Schustermans for their exceptional vision, creative leadership, and personal commitment are the Jewish Federation of Tulsa, the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Research Medicine, the Tulsa Global Alliance, the National Conference on Community and Justice, and Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Lynn Schusterman have a special and long-standing relationship with the University of Oklahoma, one in which OU has benefited greatly from the strategic and entrepreneurial approach to philanthropy for which the Schustermans are widely known and respected; and

WHEREAS, the Schustermans continue to work with the University of Oklahoma to expand the scope and impact of the Schusterman/Josey Chair in Judaic History that they endowed in partnership with the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1993, and to assure the success of the internationally-recognized Energy Institute of the Americas program they helped to create in 1995, both of which are located on the Norman campus; and

WHEREAS, when presented with a unique opportunity to combine their personal attachment to the University of Oklahoma with their deep commitment to the Tulsa community, Charles and Lynn Schusterman stepped forward in December, 1999, with a $10 million grant to enable the University of Oklahoma to secure a new campus for its activities in Tulsa, including all of its graduate health science programs; and

WHEREAS, the new "Schusterman Health Sciences Center at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa" will lead immediately to the expansion of educational research and the enhancement of patient care programs for the residents of northeastern Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) in Oklahoma City is yet another beneficiary of the shared commitment of the Schsutermans and the Oklahoma State Legislature to excellence in education, having recently received a $1 million grant from the Schustermans for its new science building, which will be named the "Samson Science and Discovery Center" in recognition of this leadership gift; and

WHEREAS, for these and the countless other contributions the Schustermans have made to our current and future citizens, the Oklahoma State Legislature takes great pride in its relationship over the years with Charles and Lynn Schusterman - outstanding Oklahomans, visionary leaders, exemplars of excellence, and role models worthy of emulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA STATE LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its deep appreciation to Charles and Lynn Schusterman for sharing their vision and insight, their extraordinary sense of community responsibility, and dedication to their philanthropic philosophy as demonstrated through their charitable activities.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Charles and Lynn Schusterman, the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, and the Schusterman Health Sciences Center at the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of April, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives