

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Williamson, Williams, Brown,
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Crutchfield, Dickerson,
Douglass, Dunlap, Easley,
Fair, Fisher, Ford, Haney,
Harrison, Helton, Henry,
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Maddox, Martin, Mickle,
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Muegge, Price, Pruitt, Rabon,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,
Weedn, Wilcoxson and Wilkerson

A Resolution praising the life of State Senator L. Beauchamp Selman; offering condolences to his family and many friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp 'Beau' Selman was born, November 16, 1914, in Walters, Oklahoma, the son of Larkin Benjamin Selman and Margaret Beauchamp Selman. His father, Larkin Selman, served as Highway Commissioner in the administrations of Governors Murray and Marland; and

WHEREAS, Beau Selman attended Walters High School where he served as sports reporter for the Walters Herald newspaper. Beau won awards in history from the Daughters of the American Revolution, won the Southern Conference Championship as a member of the debate team and lettered in both basketball and tennis where he won the Southern Conference Tennis Championship in singles and doubles; and

WHEREAS, Beau Selman attended Cameron State University where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Beau then transferred to the University of Oklahoma where he served as President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Active in campus politics, Beau received his degree in Business Administration in 1936; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Beau Selman worked for the Travelers Insurance Company. He transferred to Tulsa in 1942 as Assistant State Manager. After serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II, Beau started his own insurance business, "Selman and Company" which became one of the largest insurance management firms in the mid-west, operating in three states. He sold the company in 1963 and formed "MidStates Insurance Underwriters, Inc." which he merged with "Marsh and McLennan, Inc." in 1968, becoming Vice President and State Manager of the firm; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Beauchamp Selman served senate district 35 from 1965 through 1968. While in the Oklahoma State Senate, he was principal sponsor of legislation creating Tulsa Junior College and was the principal author of bills recodifying insurance and banking laws. Senator Selman also authored several bills relating to wildlife and conservation. He introduced the first Scenic Rivers Act, protecting the Illinois River; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Beau Selman introduced only 26 bills during his tenure in the State Senate but 22 of them became law. Known as a blunt, clear-thinking legislator, he was a hard worker, missing only three days of session during his term of office; and

WHEREAS, Senator Selman was appointed Wildlife Conservation Commissioner for District No. 1, a position he held for eight years. During his tenure with the Wildlife Conservation Commission, Selman co-sponsored the creation of the Oklahoma hunting licenses. He also served on Governor Bellmon's Special Taxation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Beau Selman received the 1999 Oklahoma Nature-Works Good Steward Award, recognizing his contributions to the nature conservation and the environment; and

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp Selman served as Director of the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, Young Men's Club and Downtown Rotary Club. He served as President of the Blue Goose International, Tulsa Farm Club, and the Empire Club; and

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp Selman served as Vice President of the Indian Nations Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was a life member who attained the rank of Eagle Scout with bronze, gold and silver palm. He was Chair of the Eagles District and was awarded the Silver Beaver and 50-year pin; and

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp Selman served on the Oklahoma University Board of Visitors, Touchdown Club and Sooner Club. He was a life member of the O.U. Alumni Association and served on the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp Selman was a Rotarian, 32-degree Mason, Shriner and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters; and

WHEREAS, L. Beauchamp Selman was a member of Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa Club, Wauhillau Outing Club, and the Presbyterian Church. His main interest was farming and he owned farms in Tulsa, Okmulgee, and Rogers Counties.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of State Senator L. Beauchamp Selman.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers condolences to the family and many friends of State Senator L. Beauchamp Selman.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator L. Beauchamp Selman's daughter, Lynda Swenton; sons, William B. Selman, Robert E. Selman, and Charles M. Selman; brother, Colonel James Clarke Selman; and the Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate