

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 51

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A Resolution honoring the memory and career of K.O. Rayburn; expressing condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, K.O. Rayburn was born on a farm outside of Lindsay, Oklahoma, on February 28, 1913, the son of William B. and Myrtle Rayburn. Rayburn attended grade school in the southwest part of McLain County at Cobert Grade School. Following his graduation from Bradley High School, he enrolled at Central State Teacher's College in Edmond, Oklahoma. At the beginning of his sophomore year, he accepted a teaching position at Sandy Grove in Grady County; and

WHEREAS, K.O. Rayburn finished the school year at Sandy Grove and then accepted a job as Principal at a rural school just north of Elmore City, Oklahoma. During his nine years as principal, Rayburn continued his college education by attending school evenings, on weekends and during the summer. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1939. In 1942, he began work for the Social Security Board. While going to a school for training, he was recruited into the Oklahoma Highway Patrol where he worked for three months before being drafted into the military service. In the service, Rayburn spent most of his time teaching in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the military, K.O. Rayburn was assigned to teach in an Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy. He then spent two years in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, followed by two years in McAlester, Oklahoma. Returning to Oklahoma City, K.O. Rayburn took the position of the Patrol's Public Information Officer. He also assisted high schools with their driver education programs. As he was continuously assigned to a day shift, he was able to attend Oklahoma City University and to complete the requirements for a Juris Doctorate in 1959; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his law degree, K.O. Rayburn stayed with the Highway Patrol and was promoted to Assistant Chief. He served on an advisory council for a police-training program offered by the University of Oklahoma. In 1963, K.O. Rayburn had completed twenty years of service with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. When he left the Patrol he assumed a position at the University of Oklahoma as an instructor in the law enforcement training program which was initially known as the Southwest Center for Law Enforcement, but was to later become known as the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the University of Oklahoma, K.O. Rayburn helped draft legislation mandating training for nearly all Oklahoma law enforcement officers. Eventually, K.O. Rayburn became the Director of the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 70 years, K.O. Rayburn retired as Director of CLEET in 1983. K.O. Rayburn, Oklahoma's leading pioneer in the field of law enforcement training, died Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the memory and career of K.O. Rayburn, pioneer in the field of law enforcement training.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate expresses its sincere condolences to the family of K.O. Rayburn and the entire law enforcement community in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to K.O. Rayburn's wife, Gerri Rayburn, and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of February, 2000.

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President of the Senate