

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 70

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Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,
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Williams and Williamson

A Resolution extending sincere thanks to Second Lieutenant Tom Downs for risking his life to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Tom Downs has been a member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Tom Downs is currently assigned as a Supervisor on the H. E. Bailey Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2000, law enforcement officers from the Grady County District Attorney's office were pursuing a suspect for felony drug charges; and

WHEREAS, during the pursuit, Lieutenant Downs proceeded to a location ahead of the suspect to deploy stop sticks; and

WHEREAS, the suspect's vehicle, while traveling in excess of 70 miles per hour, struck Lieutenant Downs, propelling him over the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this action caused Lieutenant Downs to sustain traumatic head and internal injuries which nearly claimed his life.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends sincere thanks to Second Lieutenant Tom Downs for risking his life to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Second Lieutenant Tom Downs.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate