

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 60

By: Horner

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring new inductees into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has announced the names of six honorees who will be recognized for their significant contributions to jazz, blues, and gospel art forms in Oklahoma, the nation, and the world. The six honorees are Jon Hendricks, Kay Starr, Lee Wiley, Ted Taylor, Helen Baylor, and Senator Maxine Horner; and

WHEREAS, Jon Hendricks began singing in church with his mother and began performing on the radio with jazz artist Art Tatum. Jazz legend Charlie Parker encouraged Jon Hendricks to pursue a career in music. Jon Hendricks is best known for his work with the jazz vocal trio of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross. He was known as the "James Joyce of Jive" for his remarkable ability to add literate lyrics to jazz arrangements. Jon Hendricks is also well known as a jazz writer, jazz critic, and educator. During recent years he has written for Manhattan Transfer and performed with Bobby McFerrin; and

WHEREAS, Kay Starr began her musical career when she was a high school junior. She subsequently sang with the Bob Crosby and Glenn Miller orchestras. She signed with Capitol Records, RCA and many independent labels. Kay Starr recorded with Coleman Hawkins and Count Basie, Charlie Barnett, Red Norvo and Red Nichols. Also well

known as a pop singer and singer of country songs, Kay Starr still entertains in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Lee Wiley was born in Fort Gibson and sang on the radio in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While still a teen, she was singing with Leo Reissman's orchestra and later performed with Victor Young, Eddie Condon, Paul Whiteman, and Jess Stacy. She had a successful radio and television career, recorded extensively, and was the first vocal artist to devote her albums to the works of a single composer; and

WHEREAS, Ted Taylor's musical career began in gospel music groups, including the Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Zion Travelers, the Spiritual Five, and the Chosen Gospel Group. Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, he was singing spirituals with the Glory Bound Travelers quartet when he impressed a promoter who persuaded him and his family to move to Southern California. He later began performing rhythm and blues and soul music, as well as blues and ballads. Ted Taylor is internationally known thanks to several of his albums that have been remastered on compact discs; and

WHEREAS, Helen Baylor grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She began her recording career with "Highly Recommended", a compact disc and cassette project for Word Records. She has received two Dove Awards, three Stellar Awards, the Soul Train Lady of Soul Award and four Grammy nominations. Helen Baylor was ordained at Crenshaw Christian Center and has been a member of the Fellowship of Inter-City Word of Faith Ministries. She received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Sacred Music from Friends International Christian University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Maxine Horner is the Founder of the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. She not only authored the legislation, but has served as the Jazz Hall of Fame's chief advocate and de facto director. Senator Maxine Horner was a key member of a small group of North Tulsans who conceived, nurtured, and developed the

Greenwood Cultural Center facility that houses the Jazz Hall of Fame. She began her political career as a volunteer in various campaigns and became seriously involved in politics while working for Congressman James R. Jones. She was convinced by her children to run for an open seat in the Oklahoma State Senate. Although Senator Maxine Horner works diligently on a variety of social issues, her passion is the Greenwood Cultural Center and the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Jon Hendricks, Kay Starr, Lee Wiley, Ted Taylor, Helen Baylor, and Senator Maxine Horner for their selection as new inductees to the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jon Hendricks, Kay Starr, Lee Wiley, Ted Taylor, Helen Baylor, Senator Maxine Horner, and the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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