

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 64

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A Resolution thanking the Oklahoma Highway Patrol; praising Trooper Kerry Massie and Second Lieutenant Tom Downs; offering prayers for their recovery; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, protecting the public and enforcing the law is not always a popular or even safe occupation. However, one distinguished group of dedicated men and women have committed themselves to this task. They are known as the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and their front-line, hands-on heroes are proudly known as Troopers; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Kerry Massie stopped a pickup truck on U.S. 62 near Cache in Comanche County, Oklahoma, on the night of December 29, 1999. Trooper Massie thought the driver might be driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drugs. The driver opened fire, and Trooper Massie's life was saved by his bulletproof vest; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma Highway Patrol Second Lieutenant Tom Downs, a veteran of 23 years with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, was run down at a roadblock along State Highway 92 on January 7, 2000. Lieutenant Tom Downs was on the road's shoulder, preparing to throw 'stop sticks' in order to halt a fleeing fugitive in a speeding vehicle. He sustained massive head injuries and is currently undergoing extensive physical therapy.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate thanks the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for risking their lives to protect the citizens of the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the bravery, dedication and courage of Tom Downs and Kerry Massie.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers prayers for their complete and speedy recovery and asks all of Oklahoma to join them in this endeavor.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Second Lieutenant Tom Downs and Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Kerry Massie.

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