ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 68

By: Taylor, Cain, Campbell, Coffee, Crutchfield, Douglass, Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford, Haney, Harrison, Helton, Henry, Herbert, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kerr, Laughlin, Leftwich, Littlefield, Maddox, Martin, Mickle, Milacek, Monson, Morgan, Muegge, Nichols, Price, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

and

Adair of the House

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating State Senator Gilmer Capps upon his selection as 2002 ProSpace American Space Legislator of the Year; encouraging Senator Capps to continue to transform Oklahoma into a space center; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, ProSpace has announced that Oklahoma State Senator Gilmer Capps has been selected to receive the 2002 ProSpace American Space Legislator of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, the award is given annually by ProSpace to an American lawmaker who, in the judgment of the organization, has made the most significant contribution to space-related endeavors centered in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gilmer Capps is being recognized in large part because of his authorship of Senate Bill No. 55, which passed both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature last year and was subsequently signed into law by the Governor. His bill provides investor tax credits for companies that are developing new space transportation systems in Oklahoma. These new systems promise to reduce the cost of launching payloads and, as such, will enable new markets for space services and products; and

WHEREAS, his legislation promotes indirect government investment through the Tax Code rather than direct government funding and design, as has been the norm in the space launch industry. This will put decisions about financing the next generation of space vehicles in the capital markets rather than with a government agency; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gilmer Capps is the first ProSpace American Space Legislator of the Year who serves in a state legislature, rather than the United States Congress. Until now, space has been viewed as a federal program. Initiatives like those by Senator Capps will move toward new private sector activity in space, creating new markets, new industries, new high-tech jobs, and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Senator Capps believes that vision without action is a dream, action without vision is a waste of time, but vision with action will change the world. This is why ProSpace honors him for both his vision and his actions on behalf of space endeavors in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates State Senator Gilmer Capps upon his selection as 2002 ProSpace American Space Legislator of the Year by ProSpace, the Citizens' Space Lobby.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Senator Gilmer Capps to continue his quest to transform Oklahoma into a space center and thanks ProSpace for its interest.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma State Senator Gilmer Capps, his wife Wanda Lou Miller Capps, his Executive Assistant Pam McLerran, Marc Schlather, President of ProSpace, and Ransom Wuller, Chair of the Board of ProSpace.

Adopted by the Senate the 22nd day of April, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives