

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1067

By: Begley

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the efforts of Governor George Patterson Nigh in the creation of the Northwest Passage; directing Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Governor George Patterson Nigh is a legacy to the importance of public service in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Governor George Patterson Nigh built more highways than any other governor in the history of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Governor George Patterson Nigh recognized the critical need to aid economic development in northwestern Oklahoma and devised a plan to establish State Highway 3 as Oklahoma's "Northwest Passage"; and

WHEREAS, Governor George Patterson Nigh secured \$97.1 million to finance the 331 mile project; and

WHEREAS, Governor George Patterson Nigh fought valiantly against political opponents who decried the plan as the "Road to Nowhere"; and

WHEREAS, the insightful vision of the "Northwest Passage" by Governor George Patterson Nigh greatly benefited the cities, towns and communities of Oklahoma City, Okarche, Kingfisher, Watonga, Oakwood, Seiling, Woodward, Fort Supply, May, Slapout, Elmwood, Balko, Hardesty, Guymon, Keyes and Boise City;

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

THAT the portion of State Highway 3 known as the "Northwest Passage" beginning at the Oklahoma State Capitol extending northwest to the Colorado state line be forever remembered as a great achievement of Governor George Patterson Nigh.

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause permanent suitable markers to be placed upon the "Northwest Passage" indicating Governor George Patterson Nigh's contributions to the funding, construction and dedication of the "Northwest Passage".

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Secretary of Transportation Herschal Crow, Director of the Department Transportation Gary Ridley, to the members of the State Transportation Commission and to the Honorable George Patterson Nigh.

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