

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1047

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring and commending Representative Jim Glover for distinguished service to his family, community, the Legislature and the State of Oklahoma; wishing Representative Jim Glover a happy and healthy retirement from the Oklahoma House of Representatives; declaring Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Jim Glover Day; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Walter Lippman once said, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on", and this is indeed true of Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Jim Glover, a man who has been a genuine leader in the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of House District 65 have recognized Representative Jim Glover for his integrity and loyalty in representing the interests of all of the constituents in his district through his reelection every two years since 1976; and

WHEREAS, having served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for 26 years, Representative Jim Glover is the honorable "Dean" of this esteemed body, exemplifying the best qualities of those who have chosen to devote their lives to the honorable profession of public service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Glover served longer as Speaker Pro Tempore than any other Pro Tempore in the history of the Oklahoma Legislature, serving as Speaker Pro Tempore for nearly eight years, from January 1989 to November 1996. Speaker Pro Tempore Glover was so highly esteemed in this position, that in 1997, the title of

Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus was bestowed upon him, an unprecedented position of honor in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Jim Glover has served in several unofficial roles, most notably as "The Enforcer" in Speaker Jim Barker's administration, causing some members to cringe with terror and hide behind columns within the Capitol in order to avoid being found; and

WHEREAS, among Representative Jim Glover's accomplishments, he takes great pride in his efforts to support rural Oklahoma. To that end, in 2002, Representative Glover became the first state legislator ever to be awarded the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives' prestigious "Good Neighbor Distinguished Service Award"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Glover, during his 26 years in the Oklahoma Legislature, has been a champion of the cattle industry, agriculture industry and horse industry, exerting extra effort on their behalf in assuring that any legislation affecting the agriculture community would be beneficial to his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Glover, during his tenure in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, was instrumental in the implementation of major reforms in the Workers' Compensation System; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jim Glover has been recognized and honored by countless organizations representing all walks of life, including the 4-H Club, the Future Farmers of America, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, the Horsemen's Association, Oklahoma's Firefighters and State Troopers, the Safe Kids Coalition, the Physical Therapy Association, the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, the Oklahoma Mineral Owners Association, the National Association of Royalty Owners, and many others too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, as well as being a successful Representative of the people in the State Legislature, Jim Glover, the devoted husband for

36 years to his wife, Linda, and the loving father to his children, Tim Len, James Bruce and Jennifer Rae, and grandchildren, Travis and Gailen, is recognized by his friends and colleagues as a dedicated and caring family man; and

WHEREAS, members, staff and observers of the legislative process will greatly miss the booming auctioneer voice of Representative Jim Glover who leaves his legacy in his unmatched ability to rule with a firm hand and gavel when presiding in the Speaker's chair with unsurpassed intellect, compassion and humor over endless long hours of consideration of the hundreds of measures each year.

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

THAT the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives are proud to honor and commend one of the Legislature's most distinguished leaders, Representative Jim Glover, a man who stands admirably as an example for any Oklahoman of a true leader of integrity and loyalty to his family, community and the state.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes Representative Jim Glover success, health and happiness in his retirement from the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby declares May 23, 2002, as "Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Jim Glover Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives as a permanent record.

THAT a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Emeritus Jim Glover, a distinguished and resolute leader and public servant of the Great State of Oklahoma.

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