STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 28 By: Kerr of the Senate

and

Covey of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising the memory of the late Joe M. Morgan; directing the Department of Transportation to name a bridge in his honor; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan was born on September 8, 1924, in Poteau, Oklahoma, and then two years later moved with his family to Heavener, Oklahoma. Joe graduated from Heavener High School in 1943 and later enlisted in the United States Army Field Artillery. He received a medical discharge in 1944; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan began his career with the Oklahoma Highway Department as a tail chainman on the Location Field Party at McAlester, Oklahoma, on August 20, 1944. Joe was promoted to Instrument Man on the Survey Party at the Bartlesville Residency on August 1, 1950. In August, 1953, Joe Morgan resigned from the Department to work as a Company Engineer for Frix and Foster Company of Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he was involved with the construction of the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City and various highway projects; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan returned to the Oklahoma Highway Department in 1955 as an Instrument Man at the Sapulpa Residency. On April 1, 1960, Joe Morgan was promoted to Resident Engineer at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Joe was then promoted to Assistant Division Engineer for Construction at Clinton, Oklahoma, on July 1, 1964. On

August 1, 1973, he became the Assistant Division Engineer for Maintenance at Clinton, Oklahoma, and on May 1, 1974, he was promoted to Division Engineer. Joe M. Morgan remained as Division Engineer at Clinton, Oklahoma, until he retired from the Department of Transportation on May 31, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan will always be remembered by his co-workers, friends, and family: as someone who said what he thought and did what he said he would do; for his dedication to and depth of feeling for the Department of Transportation; as easy to communicate with; as someone who was good to his employees and always had time for his people; for solving critical problems quickly; and as being fair and honest; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan was a family man with a wife, two children, three stepsons, and six grandchildren. His leisure interests included fishing, hunting, and raising cattle. Joe was always involved with his community and assisted the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, with traffic control and design. He was a member and former Director of the Oklahoma Society of Land Surveyors. Joe was a volunteer at the Route 66 Museum in Clinton, Oklahoma, where he formed and placed the concrete for the "66" shaped flowerbed and where he obtained various artifacts for display at the Museum. Joe also performed the surveying and staking for the earthwork at the First Christian Church in Clinton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Joe M. Morgan passed away on May 5, 2000, a loss to his family, friends, community, and the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the public service and honors the memory of the late Joe M. Morgan.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to name the proposed Washita River Bridge on U.S.

Highway 183 approximately .9 miles north of I-40B in Clinton, Oklahoma, in Custer County, the "Joe M. Morgan Memorial Bridge", and to erect suitable markers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the late Joe M. Morgan's wife, Louise; his daughter, Jo Gale Buie; three step-sons, Keith, Greg, and Steven; and the Department of Transportation.

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