STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 6

By: Rabon of the Senate

and

Mass, Fields and Miller
(Ray) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Senator Gene Stipe as a storyteller and a state cultural treasure; thanking him for authoring *A Gathering of Heroes* and encouraging him to continue to publish historical stories of this state; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Senator Gene Stipe is a natural storyteller with the God-given gift of personalizing events and relating historical incidents in an interesting and fascinating manner; and

WHEREAS, Senator Gene Stipe has traveled extensively throughout the state, nation, and world. His favorite pastime while traveling is relating stories about the people of Oklahoma important people, talented people, people who contributed to making Oklahoma the great state that it is; and

WHEREAS, reporter Ralph Marsh with his extensive experience in journalism, having covered the politics of Oklahoma government, traveled with Senator Stipe writing down Senator Stipe's best stories; and

WHEREAS, *A Gathering of Heroes* by Ralph Marsh in collaboration with State Senator Gene Stipe was published late in 2000 by Spring Mountain Press located in Heavener, Oklahoma. The book, *A Gathering of Heroes*, is a collection of Senator Stipe's best stories about people, the people 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 recognizes Senator Gene Stipe as a premier storyteller and a cultural state treasure.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature thanks Senator Gene Stipe for authoring *A Gathering of Heroes* and encourages him to continue to publish historical stories about the people of this land who make our state great.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Gene Stipe and Ralph Marsh.

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