

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE  
RESOLUTION 3

By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution celebrating the life and accomplishments of Lecia Daneé Swain-Ross; extending condolences to family and friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Lecia Daneé Swain-Ross was born to Robert A. and Alice (McNeeley) Swain on December 18, 1961, the youngest of two children. She grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where she attended both private and public schools. Lecia graduated from Douglass High School in Oklahoma City as Valedictorian of her class. While at Douglass she served as Student Council President and was a member of 15 of the 18 extracurricular activity groups. Lecia graduated Summa Cum Laude from Langston University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcast Journalism. She also studied at the graduate level in the Human Relations Program at the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Lecia was a beautiful woman whose beauty was manifested through her concern for others. As Miss Langston University, she went on to become Miss Black Oklahoma. A talented ventriloquist, Lecia participated in competitions throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Lecia Swain-Ross was best known as Editor and Publisher of the *Ebony Tribune*, an Oklahoma City weekly newspaper that she co-founded in 1986. She served as President of the Southwest Publishers Association and Advertising Service and held the position of Board Member and Officer in the National Newspaper Publishers Association. In 1997, Lecia Swain-Ross was selected by the publishers association as one of the six top publishers in the

country. She also hosted a weekly radio program on KTLV in Oklahoma City; and

WHEREAS, Lecia Swain-Ross dedicated her life to service to others and her community. She served as Second Vice President of the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc., and served on the Boards of numerous civic and social organizations including Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center, the Oklahoma City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Oklahoma City. She was also Co-Chair of the Oklahoma County Democratic Party. She was a life member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and was organizer and the first President of the Central Oklahoma Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, Lecia Swain-Ross served proudly as Executive Assistant to Senator Angela Z. Monson from September 30, 1997, to February 3, 2001. She was an active member of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City, where she served on the Administrative Council, and as Chairperson of the Fine Arts Committee. At First Christian Church she served as a Deacon and became an Elder in January 2001. Lecia directed the Jubilee Singers Children's Choir, working with children aged three to five years old; and

WHEREAS, Lecia Swain-Ross, following a brief illness and complications from surgery, passed away at the young age of 39 years on Saturday, February 3, 2001. She lived many years in a short span of time; and

WHEREAS, although Lecia's friends, co-workers and associates are saddened by her seemingly untimely demise, they trust that God has been in control of her destiny from the beginning, and that He has summoned her to even greater service.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby celebrates the life and accomplishments of Lecia Daneé Swain-Ross, and joins with others in the Oklahoma City community who recognize the void that her passing will create.

That the Oklahoma State Senate further extends condolences to the family and friends of Lecia Daneé Swain-Ross.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Lecia Daneé Swain-Ross' mother, Mrs. Alice Swain; Lecia's husband, Michael Allen Ross; and her brother, Robert A. Swain, Jr.

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