

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Hobson, Capps, Gumm, Aldridge,
Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Coates,
Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield,
Dunlap, Easley, Fair, Fisher,
Ford, Harrison, Helton, Horner,
Johnson, Kerr, Laughlin,
Lawler, Leftwich, Littlefield,
Maddox, Milacek, Monson,
Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Price,
Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Robinson, Rozell, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams
and Williamson of the Senate

and

Adair and Bonny of the House

A Concurrent Resolution praising the seven astronauts
lost on the Columbia space shuttle; mourning their
loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on Saturday morning, February 1, 2003, the space
shuttle Columbia failed to safely reenter the earth's atmosphere.
The Columbia broke apart, killing its seven occupants and spreading
debris on our neighboring states to the south, Texas and Louisiana;
and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is the home of many astronauts and is a
national leader in aerospace innovation. Two of the astronauts,
Rick Husband and Michael P. Anderson, received pilot training at
Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma, during the 1980s. Joann
Sykes, the sister of Michael Anderson, currently resides with her
family in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Oklahoma will forever
remember the sacrifice of the seven astronauts: Commander Rick D.
Husband; Pilot William C. McCool; Mission Specialist David M. Brown;
Mission Specialist Kaplana Chawla; Payload Commander Michael P.

Anderson; Mission Specialist Laurel B. Clark; and Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the courage and heroism of the seven astronauts who sacrificed their lives in the quest for knowledge that would benefit the entire human race.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature mourns the loss of these seven space pioneers and extends its heartfelt sympathy to their families, friends, co-workers and companions.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Sykes Family in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority; and the Kirkpatrick Science and Air Space Museum at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of February, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2003.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives