ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 48

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

and

Ellis of the House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the life and work of Ted Woodruff; offering deepest condolences to his family and friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff, an Army veteran and New Jersey native, served as a missionary in both Mexico and China, where he met his wife, Dr. Nancy Woodruff; and

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff moved to Idabel, Oklahoma, with his wife about a dozen years ago. Since that time he has been a tireless volunteer worker and organizer. Because of a physical disability affecting his spinal cord, Ted Woodruff always walked looking down although his life was dedicated to lifting people up. He did so with an encouraging word combined with a positive and compassionate attitude. Ted Woodruff lived his faith as witnessed by his actions. His sole purpose in life was to help others; and

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff served his community in a leadership capacity in a number of areas. He was office manager of Hand to Hand, a clerk for the Miracle Tabernacle, a certified American Red

Cross volunteer, an active member of the McCurtain Gem and Mineral Club as well as American Legion George Oakley Post 8, and a board member of Kiamichi Youth Services. Ted Woodruff served for eight years as Secretary-Treasurer of the McCurtain County Economic Development Team. He was a literacy tutor and continued this work even after the Literacy Council disbanded. He was nominated for the Ernest R. Jack Tucker Community Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff was best known for his efforts to keep the environment clean and improve the quality of life. An outdoor person who loved to hike, he went canoeing and hiking nearly every weekend. He was the coordinator of the anti-litter McCLEAN Team and was one of the original co-organizers of the annual Trash-Off program. Last year he worked on anti-litter campaigns with more than 20 local groups and organizations including a tourism and merchant association at Beavers Bend, the Town of Haworth, Broken Bow Kiwanis Club, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Glover Elementary School, Hayes Chiropractic Clinic, Beavers Bend Boy Scout Troop 341, Idabel Chamber of Commerce, Idabel Main Street, Idabel Housing Authority, Idabel Rotary Club, and with groups from Valliant, Watson, Wright City, Ouachita National Forest, Oklahoma State University, and the McCurtain County Jail. Ted Woodruff received the Hubcap Award from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Keep Oklahoma Beautiful for his anti-litter coordinating efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff stopped to pick up trash wherever he was. He also believed in “picking up” people. His philosophy can be best expressed in his poem, “Don’t Throw Trash or People Away”:

Pick up people along the way
and make a real difference today.
The end will be that you will be blest
and others will find eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Ted Woodruff died Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas. He had been hospitalized since February 13th when he was assaulted by two men during a home invasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors the life and work of Ted Woodruff and holds his life up as a shining example of a tireless volunteer whose primary purpose is helping others and bettering their environment.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature offers its deepest condolences to the family and many friends of Ted Woodruff and all those who benefited from his volunteer work on behalf of others.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ted Woodruff's wife, Dr. Nancy Woodruff.

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of March, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives