ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 69

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

and

Covey of the House

A Concurrent Resolution commending the life of Henry Jo Von Tungeln; praising his contributions to agriculture; extending condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, multigenerational family farmer and rancher Henry Jo Von Tungeln, the son of Henry Rudolph and Edith "DeeDee" (Jackson) Von Tungeln, was born on May 13, 1931, southwest of El Reno, Oklahoma. Henry Jo attended the Lone Valley rural school and graduated in 1949 from El Reno High School; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln married Donna Seamands on September 4, 1953. Henry Jo served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He was to spend the rest of his life serving his community and promoting Oklahoma agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln served on the Maple Rural School Board and the Canadian County Excise and Equalization Board. Henry Jo organized the Heaston Rural Water Board and was appointed by three governors to the Oklahoma Wheat Commission, serving as its

Chair. Henry Jo served on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the Oklahoma State University Division of Agriculture and on the Oklahoma Beef Council Board of Directors. With his wife, Donna, Henry Jo was a leading participant in establishing Fort Reno Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln served as President of the Canadian County Farm Bureau for 45 years; was an organizer, charter member, and State President of the Junior Farm Bureau (now known as Young Farmers and Ranchers); was Treasurer and Vice President of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Board of Directors; and served on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln served as Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair of the United States Wheat Associates (USW), an organization composed of representatives from State Wheat Commissions with offices around the world. USW develops international markets for U.S. wheat on behalf of American wheat growers. He also chaired USW's Wheat Export Education Committee. Henry Jo was on the International Trade Commission and was considered one of its most effective ambassadors. On behalf of Oklahoma wheat farmers he traveled extensively to Europe, Africa, Cuba, South and Central America, Canada, Mexico, Israel, and China; and

WHEREAS, the Henry Jo Von Tungeln family used over three tons of wheat flour each year to bake bread products for trade shows, dignitaries, fairs, and civic events. This was accompanied by thousands of pounds of Oklahoma-raised beef. With his wife, Donna, Henry Jo hosted hundreds of visitors and foreign trade teams who left with a positive image of Oklahoma's people and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln received the OSU Master Agronomist Award in 2000, was elected Progressive Farmer Man of the Year in 2001, and was inducted into the Oklahoma Agriculture Hall of Fame in

2002. Henry Jo also was the recipient of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award and the Agricultural Ambassador Award from Redlands Community College. The Von Tungelns have been selected as the Canadian County Farm Bureau Family of the Year and the WKY Farm Family of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Henry Jo Von Tungeln of El Reno, Oklahoma, died at the age of 72 on February 28, 2004, at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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 commends the life of Henry Jo Von Tungeln and praises his many contributions to Oklahoma agriculture.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature extends its most sincere condolences to the family of Henry Jo Von Tungeln and all those in the agricultural community who benefited from his efforts.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Henry Jo Von Tungeln's wife, Donna; sons, David L. and Daniel J.; daughter, Laurie R. Mauldin; brother, P. Gene; and sister, Virginia Ruth Hurst.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of May, 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