

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Harrison of the Senate

and

Ferguson of the House

A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of Pawnee County Sheriff Dwight Woodrell, Jr.; designating a portion of State Highway 64 as the "Dwight C. Woodrell, Jr., Memorial Highway"; directing the Department of Transportation to place suitable permanent markers on the highway; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Dwight Calvin Woodrell, Jr., was born on February 27, 1965, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The son of Dwight Calvin Woodrell, Sr., and Mary Catherine Lawrence, he grew up in the Cleveland area and attended school in Cleveland and Prue, Oklahoma. Upon completion of high school, he attended Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College in Miami, Oklahoma, earning an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Woodrell began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer for the Cleveland Police Department and in 1987 accepted a position as a Deputy Sheriff with Pawnee County. He attended the police academy and spent a year as a patrolman for the city of Cleveland before returning to the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office. Dwight Woodrell served as a Lieutenant and Undersheriff and was certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) as a police instructor in 1997. Four years ago, he began his tenure as Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, as Sheriff of Pawnee County, Dwight Woodrell worked to increase the number of deputies patrolling the field and to upgrade equipment, and he was instrumental in the inauguration of the OLETS System that permits the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office to do a complete criminal background check on suspects within a short period

of time. Through his efforts, Pawnee County entered into an agreement with the State of Oklahoma to implement the Amber Alert Plan regarding child abductions. Sheriff Woodrell was a Certified Airborne Assault Officer and a member of the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and the National Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS, Pawnee County Sheriff Dwight Calvin Woodrell, Jr., was tragically killed in the line of duty one mile west of Cleveland, Oklahoma, on Saturday, October 13, 2001.

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 mourns the tragic loss of Pawnee County Sheriff Dwight Woodrell, Jr.

THAT State Highway 64, from the city limits of Pawnee, Oklahoma, east to the city limits of Cleveland, Oklahoma, shall be designated as the "Dwight C. Woodrell, Jr., Memorial Highway".

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the Department of Transportation to place suitable permanent markers on the highway bearing his name.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sheriff Woodrell's wife, Karen Woodrell; the Department of Transportation; and the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office.

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives