ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 47

By: Wilkerson, 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, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Robinson, Rozell, Shurden, Smith, Snyder, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

and

Morgan (Fred) of the House

A Joint Resolution directing the naming of the Medical Examiner Building after Dr. Fred B. Jordan, Oklahoma Chief Medical Examiner; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Fred B. Jordan was born on January 2, 1940, in Westbrook, Maine. He graduated from Mount Herman School in Massachusetts, and then attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he graduated with honors in 1962. Dr. Jordan was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine by the Tufts University School of Medicine in 1966. His post-doctoral training began at the Maine Medical Center in Portland followed by a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston (1967-1970). He was awarded a two-year fellowship in Legal Medicine and Forensic Pathology at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Jordan completed his post-doctoral training in 1972, and in 1973 the

American Board of Pathology certified Dr. Jordan in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology; and

WHEREAS, during his post-doctoral training, Dr. Jordan served as a Medical Examiner for the State of Maine (1969-1970) and for Richmond City, and Henrico and Chesterfield Counties in Virginia (1970-1972). He was also the acting Assistant Chief Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1970-1972. Following completion of his fellowship training, Dr. Jordan was appointed Assistant Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Oklahoma. Dr. Jordan was promoted to Associate Chief Medical Examiner in 1978 and became the Chief Medical Examiner in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred B. Jordan served as a member of the University of Oklahoma Department of Pathology clinical staff, rising from Clinical Assistant Professor in July 1972 to Clinical Professor in July 1983. He has held visiting Professorships at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies (1979-1981), and University of the Philippines (November-December 1986). Dr. Jordan has presented lectures to the Oklahoma City Police Department, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the University of Central Oklahoma, Saint Anthony Hospital's School of Nursing, Central U.S. Police Institute, and the Maine Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred B. Jordan has published numerous articles on varying topics beginning with "The Cardiomyopathies: Morbidity and Sudden Death" published in the Virginia Medical Bulletin in 1971. A current article, "Body Handlers after Terrorism in Oklahoma City: Predictors of Posttraumatic Stress and Other Symptoms" was published in the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry in the fall of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred B. Jordan has been nominated nine times in 16 years for the Aesculapian Award for Excellence in Basic Science Instruction conferred by the Student Body of the College of Medicine of the University of Oklahoma. He won the award three times. Dr.

Jordan was presented with the Edgar W. Young Lifetime Achievement Award for long-term dedication to medical education in 1995-1996 by the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Student Council. He received the "Mr. Educator" award from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1980. He was twice presented with a Certificate of Appreciation (1986 and 1988) by the Oklahoma SIDS chapter and was a FIVE WHO CARE award nominee of KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City in 1980. In 1996, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center established the Jordan-Heartland Professorship in Pathology House Staff Education in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred B. Jordan is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the College of American Pathologists. He has been an active member of the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), serving four terms on the Board of Directors and multiple years on the Executive Committee. He served on NAME's Ethics Committee, Nominating Committee, and Standards, Inspection, and Accreditation Committee. He chaired the Finance Committee from 1989-1991. In 2003, he sat on the subcommittees on Affiliate Members and Forensic Pathology Fellow Training. He chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Developing Protocols for Interagency Interactions in Mass Fatality Incidents, which was charged with updating the NAME Mass Fatality Plan. NAME recognized Dr. Jordan's contributions with its Outstanding Service Award in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, Dr. Fred B. Jordan serves on the State Advisory Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board of Central Oklahoma. He is a member of the Oklahoma City Zoo Medical Advisory Board and is a past board member of the Oklahoma Chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fred B. Jordan was best known to the public as Oklahoma's Chief Medical Examiner during the aftermath of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in 1995. During this period, he won acclaim for his sensitive but thorough handling of the

situation. He has also been involved in several high-profile controversial cases, such as the death of Kenneth Trenadue at the Federal Transfer Center in Oklahoma City. In each instance his professional handling of complicated circumstances won him the respect and admiration of all who were involved.

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

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma State Legislature hereby directs that the Medical Examiner Building at 901 North Stonewall in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, be named after Dr. Fred B. Jordan, the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. Upon enactment of this Joint Resolution, a copy shall be filed with the Secretary of State for distribution to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives