

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 35

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

and

Kirby, Deutschendorf, Askins,
McCarter, Armes, Dorman, Adair,
Adkins, Balkman, Bengé, Blackburn,
Blackwell, Bonny, Boren, Braddock,
Brannon, Calvey, Carey, Cargill,
Case, Claunch, Coleman, Covey, Cox,
Dank, Davis, DeWitt, Eddins, Ellis,
Ericson, Erwin, Ferguson, Gilbert,
Graves, Greenwood, Hamilton,
Harrison, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett,
Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones,
Lamons, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley,
Liotta, Maddux, Mass, McClain,
McIntyre, Miller (Doug), Miller
(Ray), Mitchell, Morgan (Danny),
Morgan (Fred), Nance, Nations,
Newport, O'Neal, Paulk, Perry,
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson
(Ron), Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt,
Plunk, Pope, Reynolds, Rice, Roan,
Roberts, Roggow, Smaligo, Smith,
Smithson, Staggs, Stanley, Steele,
Sullivan, Sweeden, Taylor, Tibbs,
Toure, Trebilcock, Turner, Tyler,
Vaughn, Walker, Wells, Wilson, Wilt,
Winchester, Worthen, Wright and
Young of the House

A Concurrent Resolution commending the professional
and public career of the late Colonel Hardy R. Stone;
expressing condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Hardy R. Stone was born February 3, 1930, in Meridian,
Mississippi. While in high school, he was class president and a

four-sport athlete. Hardy Stone graduated from Central High School in Jackson, Mississippi. An Eagle Scout with a triple gold palm, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1948 where he played football, coached by Earl Blaik and Vince Lombardi; and

WHEREAS, Hardy R. Stone completed his college education at Mississippi State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He also served as the regimental commander of the ROTC cadet program. Accepting a regular Army commission, he entered the U.S. Army as a second Lieutenant in 1953 and was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Hardy R. Stone served as a 280mm gun platoon commander with the 59th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany and as an atomic weapons electronics officer with the Ordnance Corps. He attended Artillery School and took the advanced course at Fort Sill, and commanded the 105mm towed battery in the 5th Battalion, 31st Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. He served with the ROTC program at the University of Montana; was Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, 105mm towed battery, which was deployed to Vietnam; and was appointed Chief of the Cannon Branch in the Gunnery Department R&A Division at Fort Sill; and

WHEREAS, Hardy R. Stone earned a Master of Science degree in Systems Analysis after attending school at Fort Leavenworth and the University of Rochester; served on the Army staff in the Pentagon; commanded the 2nd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery in Germany; served as Chief of the Management Committee in the Department of Command at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; and was Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager for TACFIRE and Copperhead at Fort Sill; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hardy R. Stone was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Legion of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hardy R. Stone was a Cub Scout Pack Leader, Little League Coach, school board member, church treasurer, college football coach, college mathematics instructor, elder in Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lawton, and a 32nd-degree Mason. After his retirement from the U.S. Army, he was employed by United Technologies Corporation for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hardy R. Stone began assisting veterans, military retirees, and their families and survivors, at the age of 60. He was a seven-year member of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Resolutions Committee, and served as Chair in 1994. He was Vice President for Retiree Affairs in the local chapters of AUSA and the Retired Officers Association. He was Director of the AUSA Golf Tournament for 17 years. He chaired the Fort Sill Retired Officer Council from 1994 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hardy R. Stone was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of World Wars. He was on the Board of Directors of Roadback, Inc. for

15 years and served as Chair three times. Since 1987 he was the principal adviser to all the chairs of the Comanche County Veterans Council. He was given much of the credit for the successful efforts to have the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center and the Fort Sill National Cemetery established in the community. Colonel Hardy R. Stone died at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma, on Saturday, October 4, 2003.

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 professional and public career of the late Colonel Hardy R. Stone.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature expresses its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Colonel Hardy R. Stone.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Colonel Hardy R. Stone's wife, Carolyn Aycock Stone; and to his six children, Laura Stone Hazlet, Hardy Ross Stone IV, Amy Clarke Stone, Robert Martin Stone, Margaret Stone Griffith, and Andrew Fargo Stone.

Adopted by the Senate the 10th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

