ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 63

By: Taylor, Hobson, Aldridge, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap, Easley (Mary), Fair, Fisher, Ford, Gumm, Harrison, Helton, 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, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson, Williams and Williamson of the Senate

and

Jones, Adair, Adkins, Armes, Askins, Balkman, Benge, Blackburn, Blackwell, Bonny, Boren, Braddock, Brannon, Calvey, Carey, Cargill, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Covey, Cox, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dorman, Eddins, Ellis, Ericson, Erwin, Ferguson, Gilbert, Graves, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harrison, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kirby, Lamons, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, McCarter, 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 life of Bob Wadley; extending condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Wadley was born on December 27, 1925, in Harrison, Arkansas, the son of Roy Wadley and Mildred Lorena (Johnson). He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Bob Wadley attended the University of Louisville and the University of Arkansas. Following the war Bob Wadley worked with his father at Wadley Shoe Store in Claremore, Oklahoma. He later became a representative for Jarbo Sales Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wadley was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) where he was an Exalted Ruler of the Claremore Lodge and District Deputy President. In 1955 he was selected by the Jaycees as Claremore's Outstanding Young Man. He was also a member of the Will Rogers Masonic Lodge, Akdar Shrine and Scottish Rite. He chaired Rogers County Red Cross and served on the Rogers County Metropolitan Planning Committee. He was also President of the Claremore Chamber of Commerce and the Claremore Lions Club and served as a Deacon, Elder and Sunday school teacher at the First Presbyterian Church in Claremore. Bob Wadley was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wadley served in the Oklahoma State House of Representatives representing Rogers County from 1952 through 1956. He was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1972, filling the unexpired term of Clem McSpadden, who had been elected to the United States House of Representatives. He ran unopposed in 1974. Bob Wadley did not seek reelection to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1978, although he chaired the County, State, and Federal Government Committee. He also served on the Professions and Occupations Committee, Environmental Quality and Natural Resources Committee, and Wildlife Committee, as well as being a member of the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. Senator Wadley's family is most proud of his assisting George Nigh, Bob Wadley's seatmate in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, in the passage of House Bill 1094 in 1953, adopting "Oklahoma" as the official state song and his strong support of the J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum in Claremore, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wadley accepted a post with the Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) Association but soon departed to become a Senior Staff Advisor for Governor George Nigh. He later served as a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Tax Commission from 1981 to 1994, serving as Vice Chair. He was then named Deputy Administrator of the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. Throughout his public career he was frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for both Governor of Oklahoma and the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wadley died Friday, April 23, 2004, after a lifetime of service to his community and the State of 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 Bob Wadley and praises his unstinting public service to the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature extends its deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Bob Wadley.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Wadley's wife, Dian Southworth (Milam) Wadley and his children: Bob Wadley, Jr., Cheryl Daniel, Katee Daugherty, Todd Workman and Mike Workman.

Adopted by the Senate the 27th day of April, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 10th day of May, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives