

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 71

By: Ford, Snyder, Aldridge, Branan,
Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates,
Coffee, Corn, Crutchfield, Dunlap,
Easley (Mary), Fair, Fisher, 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, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Wilkerson,
Williams and Williamson

A Resolution commending Edith and Perry Shoals and expressing support for the work and mission of Families of Murdered Children in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and throughout the state; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, a mother's heart was broken when, at approximately 11 o'clock, the night of June 12, 1992, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, while talking to her on a pay phone, she heard the gunshot that ended her daughter's life; and

WHEREAS, Lordette Me'Chelle Shoals, a beautiful, 18 year-old, 3.7 GPA, high school graduate, who was a Career Business School and Spartan School of Aeronautics aviation student, was shot and killed as she talked to her mother on a pay phone, the innocent victim of a carjacking; and

WHEREAS, the grief and suffering experienced by families as a result of the death of a loved one from violent crime is too often lonely and endured with very little support. Edith and Perry Shoals both suffered multiple stress-related heart attacks in the years following their daughter's untimely and tragic death; and

WHEREAS, in response to their tragedy, Edith and Perry Shoals founded Families of Murdered Children (FOMC) in 1997, and committed their lives and life savings to helping families in Tulsa and all across the State of Oklahoma who are affected by violent crime. FOMC provides a full array of support services to families of murdered children, and to youth who are at high risk of involvement in violent activities such as gangs; and

WHEREAS, the vision of FOMC is to change the paradigm of the North Tulsa Community and other similarly conflicted areas in this state by eliminating the poverty mentality and hopelessness that leads to crime and destruction of communities and lives. The program provides support to families while working to find solutions to the problems of juvenile delinquency. It also provides

counseling to the families of victims and assailants through educational, life skills and positive recreational activities that promote productive citizenship and respect for life as an alternative to life on the streets; and

WHEREAS, through their work at FOMC, Edith and Perry Shoals have developed a deep trust and appreciation for the organization's motto: "Only God Can Heal A Broken Heart," having endeavored to extend their love and devotion for their daughter, Lordette, to other children and families.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby commends Edith and Perry Shoals and expresses support for the work and mission of Families of Murdered Children in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and throughout the state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Edith Shoals, Director, Families of Murdered Children, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate