

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1021

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution extending condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Whit Roberts; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Whit Roberts was a lifelong Oklahoman who graduated from Putnam City High School, received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, his master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, and worked on a doctorate degree at Oklahoma State University; and

WHEREAS, Whit Roberts began an outstanding career in education as a coach and history teacher in the 1969-70 school year at McLoud High School, followed by three more years as a coach and history teacher at Putnam City High School; and

WHEREAS, Whit Roberts subsequently embarked on a period of common school administration, serving as a principal or assistant superintendent in the Piedmont School District during school year 1974-75 through 1981-82, before being appointed to serve as the superintendent for four years of the Latta School District; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Glen D. Johnson appointed Whit Roberts in the fall of 2000 to serve as the director of the Center for Economic Development and Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Southeastern Oklahoma State University contributed significantly to the economic development

efforts of a sixteen-county rural area in southeastern Oklahoma by developing a network serving communities in the region that is being considered a model for other areas to replicate; and

WHEREAS, the death of Whit Roberts causes remorse to area legislators, public and private leaders, Native American leaders, and persons involved in economic development in southeastern Oklahoma who relied heavily on the contributions and leadership capacities of Whit Roberts; and

WHEREAS, President Glen D. Johnson and the Southeastern Oklahoma State University family will greatly miss Whit Roberts and his valuable efforts in bringing the resources of the University to the needs of the surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Whit Roberts at the time of their bereavement.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Glen D. Johnson.

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