

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1032:

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the life and career of Daniel D. Draper II, and expressing condolences to his family, colleagues and friends; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II was born June 26, 1911, in South Dakota, and grew up on a farm in the Qualls community near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, living as a resident of eastern Oklahoma for the past eighty years; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II graduated from Bagley High School and Northeastern State Teachers College, both in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and earned a master's degree from Oklahoma A & M College (now Oklahoma State University) in Stillwater, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II devoted over forty years of his life as an educator in the public schools of Oklahoma, beginning his teaching career at the age of nineteen in a one-room, one-teacher school with an enrollment the first day of ninety students, and eventually going on to serve a total of thirty-two years as a public school superintendent - nine years at Pierce and twenty-three years at Colcord, before retiring as an educator in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives to represent Cherokee County in 1938, serving two terms of office in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Oklahoma Legislatures as the youngest member of the Oklahoma Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II also provided outstanding leadership for rural Oklahoma on rural issues as a community leader and businessman, serving seven terms unopposed as mayor of the Town of Colcord, Oklahoma, being involved in ranching and raising cattle in both Cherokee and Delaware Counties, and pursuing a successful career in real estate; and

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Draper II, a lifetime educator, was serving his fourth term on the Colcord Public Schools Board of Education, and had been recognized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as the oldest school board member in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives and State of Oklahoma will greatly miss Daniel D. Draper II and his valuable leadership and service.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends its sincere condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Daniel D. Draper II at the time of their bereavement.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the family of Daniel D. Draper II.

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