STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 18 By: Myers of the Senate

and

DeWitt of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of State Highway 15 as the "Henry Bellmon Highway"; directing the Department of Transportation to place suitable permanent markers on the highway; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Henry Bellmon is a man of many accomplishments and a credit to the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bellmon served two terms in the Oklahoma House of Representatives beginning in 1947 and became the first Republican Governor of the State of Oklahoma in 1963. He chaired the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and served as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Governors Conference; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bellmon served the State of Oklahoma in the United States Senate from 1968 to 1980, the first Republican in the history of Oklahoma to be reelected to the office of U.S. Senator. During this period he served on the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and built a reputation for advocating fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, having returned home to Oklahoma, Henry Bellmon cofounded and cochaired the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. In 1983, he was appointed Director of the Department of Human Services, Oklahoma state government's largest agency. Henry Bellmon again served the State of Oklahoma as Governor from 1986 to 1991, becoming only the second governor to serve more than one term and the first to serve two nonconsecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, not only has Henry Bellmon excelled in the world of politics, he has excelled as an ambassador for this state. Henry Bellmon is a truly remarkable person who has won the hearts of the world for both his political accomplishments and his loyal dedication to the people of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Henry Bellmon served as a positive role model for this nation and showed Oklahoma to the world in a positive manner. His character, achievements and involvement in projects of importance to this state merit recognition; and

WHEREAS, the life of Henry Bellmon is chronicled in his book, “The Life and Times of Henry Bellmon”. In May 2001, the Oklahoma State Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 41, honoring Governor Henry Bellmon.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature declares that State Highway 15, from where it intersects with State Highway 177 in Noble County, westward to where it intersects with State Highway 74 in Garfield County, shall be designated the "Henry Bellmon Highway" in honor of Oklahoma’s well-known politician, Henry Bellmon, whose many accomplishments are a source of great pride for the people of this state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature further directs the Department of Transportation to cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon the highway bearing the name “Henry Bellmon Highway”.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Henry Bellmon and to the Secretary of Transportation.

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