

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 44

By: Morgan and Hobson

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 80 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 40 years of his life as an educator in the public schools of Oklahoma, beginning his teaching career at the age of 19 in a one-room, one-teacher school with an enrollment of 90 students on the first day, and eventually going on to serve a total of 32 years as a public school superintendent (9 years at Pierce and 23 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 17th and 18th 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 State Department of Education as the oldest school board member in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate and State of Oklahoma will greatly miss Daniel D. Draper II and his valuable leadership and service. Daniel D. Draper II died at the age of 92 on Friday, February 20, 2004.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its sincere condolences to the family, colleagues, and friends of Daniel D. Draper II in their time of bereavement.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Daniel D. Draper II's wife, Eva Draper; son, Daniel Draper Jr.; and Daughter, Shirley Draper Gard.

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