

ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1059

By: Calvey, Adkins, Armes, Askins, Auffet, Balkman, Banz, Benge, Billy, Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell, Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Carey, Cargill, Case, Coody, Cooksey, Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, Deutschendorf, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Eddins, Ellis, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hastings, Hickman, Hiett, Hilliard, Hyman, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Kiesel, Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Liotta, Martin, Mass, McCarter, McDaniel, McMullen, McPeak, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ken), Miller (Ray), Morgan (Danny), Morgan (Fred), Morrissette, Nance, Nations, Newport, Perry, Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Plunk, Pruett, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Roggow, Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smaligo, Smithson, Staggs, Steele, Sullivan, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Toure, Trebilcock, Turner, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young of the House

and

Lamb of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the Ralph Bullard family; recognizing the Bullards' 47 years of marriage; expressing appreciation for Mr. Bullard's 45-year career in Oklahoma private and public education and for his years of Christian service; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Ralph Bullard family of Edmond, Oklahoma, is a distinguished and exemplary Oklahoma family, one worthy of emulation by Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph Bullard family, through the actions of the parents, children, and grandchildren, has served as a positive influence in the lives of many Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature wishes to honor and recognize this special Oklahoma family on April 6, 2006, a day proclaimed by

the Honorable Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, as "Oklahoma Family Day"; and

WHEREAS, (Carl) Ralph Bullard grew up in Edmond as the youngest child in a family of six children, ages 6 to 18, being raised by a single mother, until that happy day when his mother and father remarried when Ralph was a senior in high school; and

WHEREAS, Ralph trusted the Lord Jesus Christ to be his personal Savior at age 17, a decision which has led to a lifetime of faithful devotion to God and fruitful service to many appreciative men, women, boys, and girls; and

WHEREAS, at age 21, Ralph Bullard married his high school sweetheart, his beloved Starley (nee Cherry), a marital union which has lasted - to this point - happily for 47 years of shared life together; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Starley Bullard's lifelong marriage has produced 10 children, now ages 22-46, surely an affirmation of Holy Scripture, which affirms that "children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward"; and

WHEREAS, together, the Bullards share their love today with a remarkable 46 grandchildren, ages 1-22 with two more grandchildren expected to be born in 2006; and

WHEREAS, after earning academic degrees from Central State College (now University of Central Oklahoma) and Oklahoma State University, Mr. Bullard pursued a successful 45-year career in both private and public educational institutions as a coach, teacher, and school administrator; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Bullard has now served the Christian Heritage Academy of Del City, Oklahoma, for 33 years, shepherding the Christian school and its thousands of students by the integrity of his heart and guiding its growth and development by the skillfulness of his hands; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Bullard is a recognized national leader in the principal approach to education, having learned this method of instruction personally from Miss Verna Hall and Miss Rosalie Slater; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Bullard's love for God and people has served as a motivating force for a lifetime of Christian service, in numerous expressions, to thousands of Oklahomans and to people the world over; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bullard's lifetime legacy of love and concern now extends to the continuing care for his 95-year-old father, wherein he is following God's commandment to "Honor your father and mother...".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends Ralph and Starley Bullard of Edmond, Oklahoma, for their outstanding accomplishments in raising such an exemplary Christian family together over the past 47 years of marriage.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates Ralph Bullard on his lifetime of hard work and faithful Christian service.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature applauds Ralph Bullard for his heartfelt love, care, and concern for all people - expressed in his differing roles as a husband, father, grandfather, coach, teacher, school administrator, friend, and Christian worker.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes Mr. Bullard for his numerous worthy accomplishments in Oklahoma public and private education during his 45-year career.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature especially honors Ralph Bullard for his leadership and service at the Christian Heritage Academy over the past 33 years.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature praises Ralph and Starley Bullard's lifelong dedication and devotion to each other and to their immediate and extended families.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature thanks Ralph and Starley Bullard for their fine example and inspiration to their family, their friends, and to the people of the State of Oklahoma and wishes them well in future endeavors.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ralph and Starley Bullard, to each of the ten Bullard children, and to the Christian Heritage Academy in Del City, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of April, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate