

ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 63

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Lawler, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Mazzei, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt,
Rabon, Reynolds, Riley,
Shurden, Taylor,
Wilcoxson, Williamson,
Wilson and Wyrick of the
Senate

and

Walker of the House

A Joint Resolution commemorating the life of Senator Robert M. Kerr; designating the Performance Hall of the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park as the "Robert M. Kerr Performing Arts Center"; directing the Board of Trustees of the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park to place suitable permanent markers at the entrance of Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park and on the "Robert M. Kerr Performing Arts Center"; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, State Senator Robert M. Kerr lived his life with honor and dignity as a family man, a farmer, a stockman, a real estate developer, and a dedicated public servant;

WHEREAS, Robert M. Kerr, known as a gentleman and a statesman, served with distinction for over 20 years as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate representing Senate District 38;

WHEREAS, Robert M. Kerr excelled as a State Senator and, as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate, was responsible for numerous pieces of landmark legislation, including the Rural Economic

Development Act, the creation of the Food and Agriculture Products Research and Technology Center at Oklahoma State University, the statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System, and the Living Will Act and was a key promoter of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority and the American Indian Cultural Center;

WHEREAS, Robert M. Kerr held many leadership positions within the Oklahoma State Senate, including Chair of the Agriculture Committee, Chair of the Subcommittee for Human Services, Chair of the Rules Committee, Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee and Assistant Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Kerr was instrumental in the rebuilding of the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park;

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

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma State Legislature declares the Performance Hall at Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park shall be designated as the "Robert M. Kerr Performing Arts Center" in honor of Senator Robert M. Kerr, in recognition of his years of tireless service on behalf of the citizens of the Great State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. The Oklahoma State Legislature further directs the Board of Trustees of the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park to cause a suitable permanent marker to be placed at the entrance of Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park designating the location of the "Robert M. Kerr Performing Arts Center" and a permanent marker on the location itself.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State is directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the family of Robert M. Kerr, and the Board of Trustees of the Quartz Mountain Arts and Conference Center and Nature Park.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of February, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives