

ENROLLED HOUSE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1116

By: Nance, Sullivan, Adkins, Armes, Askins, Auffet, Balkman, Banz, Bengel, Billy, Bingman, Blackburn, Blackwell, Braddock, Brannon, Brown, Calvey, 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, Nations, Newport, Perry, Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Plunk, Pruett, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Roggow, Rousselot, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smaligo, Smithson, Staggs, Steele, Sweeden, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Toure, Trebilcock, Turner, Walker, Wesselhoft, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young

A Resolution celebrating the life of Lonnie Wright; expressing sorrow for his untimely death and extending sympathy to his family; making a permanent record; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the shadow of grief has been cast upon this state at the passing of a very distinguished Oklahoman, Lonnie Wright, Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright lived his life as a leader among men, graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science - Law Enforcement Administration; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright learned the meaning of success through hard work, perseverance and dedication while playing on two National Championship football teams; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright joined the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control in 1977, at a time when the agency was in its infancy; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright worked his way up through the ranks as an Agent II and Agent III, and was promoted to Agent-in-Charge in 1981. In 1988, Lonnie was again promoted as Chief Agent of the Bureau's Intelligence Division, overseeing the Statewide Intelligence Network Project and the Gang Enforcement Project; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, after being named Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Lonnie Wright had a vision for the future of Oklahoma, a vision of an Oklahoma in which parents didn't worry about drugs corrupting their children, a vision that created a better Oklahoma for our children and grandchildren, a vision that he spent each day trying to attain; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright helped to pioneer the highly successful Wire Intercept Project designed to identify and target some of the largest drug organizations operating in this part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright was an instrumental part of a team that drafted legislation to regulate pseudoephedrine that has drastically reduced meth labs in Oklahoma and has become model legislation for the entire country; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright was a most humble man, and never took personal credit for the accomplishments in his life, always quick to grant credit for the successes in his life to others; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Wright has left behind a lasting legacy of compassion, sincerity and professionalism to the law enforcement community that he so dearly loved to serve; and

WHEREAS, although death has taken our colleague and close friend from us, he will never pass from our thoughts and the pain of his loss is tempered by the memory of what he has meant to us.

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, on behalf of the people of this state, celebrates the life of a truly great Oklahoman, Lonnie Wright.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby expresses deepest sorrow for the untimely death of Lonnie Wright and extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lonnie Wright.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as a permanent record of the sentiment and condolences expressed herein.

THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be dispatched to Lonnie Wright's wife, Rita Wright, and his daughter, Rachel Wright.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 16th day of May,  
2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives