

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1127

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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, 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, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen,
Wright and Young

A Resolution posthumously honoring Brad Edwards for his contributions to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens with his life and his investigative reporting and awards; extending heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the family of Brad Edwards; making a permanent record in the Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it has been poignantly stated over the years "Good men must die, but death cannot kill their names"; and

WHEREAS, the name of Brad Edwards will be remembered in the hearts of Oklahomans for his kind heart, his professional investigative reporting, and his caring and dedication that touched countless thousands of people throughout Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards began his career at age 14 in Pennsylvania, graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Political Science, International Relations and the Social Sciences and served in the Air Force as a military news broadcaster stationed at remote air bases in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards was an honor graduate of the Department of Defense School of Information and became the youngest enlisted News Director of a military news network; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards' "In Your Corner" focused on consumer advocacy and alerting viewers to activities or offers that may threaten their family or their wallets; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards received more than 500 calls, e-mails, and letters per week from viewers asking for help or offering tips on potential scams; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards has received numerous awards including an Emmy in 1993 for "What's wrong with the Well?"; and

WHEREAS, this yearlong series of investigative reports and specials grew from consumer complaints about toxic chemicals oozing into a creek near an oil field disposal well and into residents' water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Brad's reports resulted in federal and state investigations and was the catalyst for shutting down the well operator; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards' awards include those from veterans groups, minority rights groups, and aid to the elderly as well as other journalism awards including induction into the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards served the public in a unique and stellar capacity, not as an elected official, not as an agency head, not as an ombudsman, not as an administrator or government liaison, but as a compassionate and passionate man of the airwaves and as a citizen's last resort, if not their last prayer, for finding answers and solving their pressing problems; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards passed from us on Monday, May 15, 2006, from complications with a heart infection and brain aneurysm; and

WHEREAS, Brad Edwards, recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, left behind a beloved wife, Mary Ann, a daughter Ashton, countless loyal friends and a legacy unsurpassed; and

WHEREAS, all who knew Brad Edwards mourn his death and will always remember the name of the man who, for 33 years, gave of his life to serve the citizens of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to remember the name of Brad Edwards for his professionalism, his dedication, and above all his caring and devotion to his family and all citizens of Oklahoma.

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 the State of Oklahoma, praises the life and career of Brad Edwards.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives extends heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the entire family of Brad Edwards.

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 praises and condolences expressed herein.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife Mary Ann and daughter Ashton and Oklahoma's News Channel 4.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives