

(2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
OF THE 50TH LEGISLATURE)
ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 1XX

By: Branan

A Resolution praising the life of "Tony" Calvert;
offering condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Horace Kellogg "Tony" Calvert was born on November 11, 1915, in Nowata, Oklahoma, the son of Floyd and Irma Calvert. A third generation Oklahoman, he attended the University of Oklahoma, earning his bachelor's degree in 1936 and his law degree in 1939. He was president of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and upon graduation, he married Aileen Simms; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert was a member of ROTC while attending college and in 1941 entered the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. He was assigned to the G-2 Chief of Staff Intelligence Office and was transferred to New York City to become the first security officer for the Manhattan Project, holding Badge Number 10 of the Office of Strategic Services, which later became the CIA. He was then assigned to the European Theatre where he gathered information on the Nazi effort to develop an atomic bomb. He entered German-occupied Paris to recruit Frederic Joliet-Curie, the son-in-law of Madame Curie, and was the first non-Russian soldier to enter Hitler's bunker in Berlin. Tony Calvert was awarded the Order of the British Empire for being the Officer in Charge of the London Branch of the Foreign Intelligence Section and also received the French Legion of Merit for his war efforts; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert returned home after the war and with his brother Floyd A. Calvert, Jr., founded Calvert Petroleum, Calvert Exploration, and Calvert Drilling. He later formed The Calvert Company and Calvert Investment Company, LP, which remain active today; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert served two separate terms on the O.U. Board of Regents and almost two years as President of the Board. With his family he established the Floyd A. and Irma K. Calvert Chair in Law and Liberty in the College of Law and the Aileen Simms Calvert Music Endowment in the College of Fine Arts. He was one of the Committee of Fifty donors to the Donald W. Reynolds Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert served as President of the Committee of One Hundred, an association that supports the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. He chaired the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Committee, served on the Casady School Board of Trustees, and was a Director of the Petroleum Club. He also was President of the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, Chairman of

the Board of Trustees of Will Rogers Bank, and "King of the Beaux Arts Ball"; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert worked in the election campaigns of Bud Wilkinson, Henry Bellmon and Dewey Bartlett and served as Treasurer of the Oklahoma Republican State Committee; and

WHEREAS, Tony Calvert was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from O.U. in May 2006. He died Thursday, June 15, 2006, at the age of 90 years. Aileen Simms Calvert, his wife, died in 1999, two weeks prior to their 60th wedding anniversary.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and honors the career of the late "Tony" Calvert, a true Oklahoman and gentleman.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the death of this extraordinary person and civic leader and offers its most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, business associates, and all those who have benefited and been touched by his life.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his daughters Antoinette (Toni) Calvert and Christina Calvert Lee.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of June, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate