ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 35 By: Morgan

A Resolution mourning the loss of Michael Allen Jenkins; commending his parents for advocating child safety; declaring intent of the Senate; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on April 27, 1993, 12-year-old Michael Allen Jenkins died as a result of a tragic accident on an oil and gas well site near Guthrie, Oklahoma, in Logan County; and

WHEREAS, since that time his parents, Bill and Ellen Jenkins, have devoted their lives to educating and making all children, as well as parents, aware of the dangers on oil and gas well sites. Due to their dedication and hard work to prevent a similar tragedy from happening to others, Bill and Ellen Jenkins have remained focused and determined throughout the years to make a difference in the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, due to these efforts, and because of their loss and loss to others, House Bill No. 2571 by Representative Frank Davis and Senator Helen Cole was introduced on February 7, 1994, passed the Oklahoma State Legislature, was approved by the Governor on June 7, 1994, and became effective January 1, 1995. The law encourages, promotes, and initiates safety measures in and around oil and gas wells and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the family and friends of Michael Allen Jenkins in mourning their tragic loss.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the parents of Michael Allen Jenkins, Bill and Ellen Jenkins, for their dedication as loving parents and advocates for the safety of children everywhere.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares its intent that Enrolled House Bill No. 2571 of the 2nd Regular Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature be known as the "Michael Allen Jenkins Law" in his memory and to memorialize the dedication, devotion, and advocacy shown by his parents, Bill and Ellen Jenkins, for the safety of children.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bill and Ellen Jenkins, the parents of Michael Allen Jenkins.

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate