

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 47

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A Resolution commending Trooper Mike Swope as 2004
Highway Users Federation Heroism Award recipient; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2004, members of the Metro Fugitive Task Force assigned out of the Western District, United States Marshals Service, attempted to arrest a suspected child murderer on an outstanding arrest warrant issued by the district court of Oklahoma County; and

WHEREAS, team surveillance had developed information placing the suspect as a passenger in a motor vehicle. The Task Force stopped the suspect vehicle and approached the occupants. Task Force members making the approach were Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Mike Swope, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Scott Cannon, and Department of Corrections Officer Larry Bennett; and

WHEREAS, the officers issued a command to the vehicle for the occupants to show their hands, and the suspect continually refused repeated commands to comply with the orders by leaning forward in the front passenger side of the vehicle concealing his hands; and

WHEREAS, when Trooper Swope and Lieutenant Cannon approached the vehicle and opened the passenger door, the suspect spun in the seat and pointed a firearm directly at Lieutenant Cannon. As the suspect pointed the firearm, Officer Bennett, Lieutenant Cannon, and Trooper Swope each discharged their weapons which resulted in the suspect being killed; and

WHEREAS, the officers' immediate actions stopped what appeared to be a serious threat to the life of Lieutenant Cannon; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Trooper Mike Swope's action, the Highway Users Federation named Trooper Mike Swope as the recipient of the 2004 Highway Users Federation Heroism Award.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and congratulates Trooper Mike Swope for his courage and dedication that led to his being named as the recipient of the 2004 Highway Users Federation Heroism Award for continual service in protecting the lives of fellow officers and the citizens of Oklahoma.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Trooper Mike Swope and to the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Commissioner Kevin Ward.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate