

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 5

By: Lamb, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Brogdon, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution praising the life of Judy Hill; mourning her loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Julia B. (Judy) Hill was born on July 6, 1934, to Claude and Fairy Hill. Judy Hill served for almost twenty-seven years as an employee with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and for ten years as Youth Director at the First Baptist Church of Blackwell, Oklahoma, and the First Baptist Church of Edmond, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Judy Hill continued to serve the community after her retirement from state government, serving as Chaplain for Adult Studies at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, and volunteer Chaplain Director for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. She was well-known for her selfless giving and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Judy Hill, while still working for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, prior to her retirement in 1996, worked hard to establish their chaplaincy program. She began her duties in 1990 as a volunteer chaplain for the 8,000 Department employees. The purpose of the volunteer chaplaincy program was to provide an interdenominational, care-oriented service to Oklahoma Department of Human Services employees and their families who are in critical situations. Her chaplaincy work extended to employees, pastors, priests, or rabbis; and

WHEREAS, Judy Hill was instrumental in helping the Oklahoma Department of Human Services employees after the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. Once established, she led the effort to expand the chaplaincy core so that chaplains would be available across the state for employees wanting to use such services. Judy Hill recognized that the work of human services is

difficult and tedious. The Department supports those in our society who are abused, neglected, exploited, and often disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Judy Hill was instrumental in initiating a program honoring families and recognizing the sacrifices that come with having a family member fighting overseas. A ceremony, held on the first anniversary of the Iraq war, was held for families of Oklahoma Department of Human Services employees serving in the military or those who have relatives on active duty. Military employees of the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma City Police Department were also honored during the event; and

WHEREAS, after an extended illness, Judy Hill died Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life of Judy Hill, a state employee who was dedicated to those around her and a volunteer who shared her life with the entire community, adopting it as her extended family.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate deeply mourns the loss of this outstanding state worker and dedicated volunteer, and joins her community in offering its heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and coworkers of Judy Hill.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Judy Hill's sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Art Kutz; nieces, Ann Seely and Dawn Allen; and the chaplaincy programs at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and Southern Nazarene University.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of February, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate