

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 9

By: Wyrick

A Resolution commending the life and career of Senator Bob Gee; extending condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Stanford Gee was born February 24, 1932, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of Robert Lee Gee, Jr., and Vernice Mildred (Doughty) Gee. Bob graduated from Muskogee High School in 1949 and received an associate degree from Muskogee Junior College. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma and in 1955 his law degree from the University of Oklahoma Law School. Bob Gee was inducted into the international legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, in 1953 and served as the Note Editor of the Oklahoma Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee began serving as Ottawa County Assistant County Attorney in 1955 and was elected to serve a four-year term as the Ottawa County Attorney in 1960. He served again in this capacity from 1972 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee became a partner in the Miami, Oklahoma, law firm of Wallace and Owens in 1965 and was active for almost 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1964 and served through 1968. While an Oklahoma State Senator, Bob Gee led the effort to reform the state court system in the wake of the court scandals in the early 1960s. In 1968 Bob was selected as Administrator of the Oklahoma State Senate, a position he held until 1972; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee was a candidate for the U.S. Congress in 1972. Bob was later appointed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also served on the Grand River Dam Authority from 1992 to 2001, chairing that body in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee was an Oklahoma Bar Foundation Fellow and member of the American Trial Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee was a member of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and served as President from 1959 to 1960. He received the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1958, was designated one of five Outstanding Young Men in Oklahoma in 1960, and was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee joined the Miami Lions Club in 1955 and served as President from 1961 until 1962. Bob was a member of the Board of Governors of Ghost Ranch from 1994 through 2003 and served as its chair in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee was ordained a Deacon in 1957 and an Elder in 1961 at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami, Oklahoma. Bob served as Moderator of the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, Commissioner to the General Assembly, and Vice President and member of the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council on Church and Society of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gee died in his home at 9:05 a.m., Sunday, July 4, 2004.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends and praises the life and career of Senator Bob Gee.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the loss of this outstanding public servant and extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Senator Bob Gee.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Bob Gee's wife, Nancy (Neil) Gee; sons, Robert Neil Gee and James Kenneth Gee; daughters, Catherine Anne (Gee) Collet and Elizabeth Ruth (Gee) Crews; brother, Kenneth W. Gee; and grandchild, Corinne May Collet.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate