

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1057

By: Kiesel of the House

and

Fisher of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of highway located on State Highway 62 as the W.R. Shaver Memorial Highway; directing the Department of Transportation to place markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, W.R. Shaver is registered with the National Archives in Fort Worth, Texas, as being commissioned as a deputy U.S. Marshal on August 25, 1890, from the federal court located at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and served under Judge Isaac C. Parker; and

WHEREAS, W.R. Shaver was appointed to the position of City Marshal for the city of Boley, in Indian Territory in 1905. Mr. Shaver was the first so appointed and, as a man of African-American descent, was a pioneer in the law enforcement community and stands as a historical figure that attempted to bring law and order to a place that was on the brink of statehood; and

WHEREAS, W.R. Shaver was familiar with the lay of the land he patrolled as he was raised in the territory since childhood. As he grew into a man of honor and principle, the relationships he forged with the people of the community earned him a deep-seated respect from people of all races; and

WHEREAS, in his unrelenting effort to preserve the peace, W.R. Shaver followed up on the word circulating that a known horse thief had arrived by train to the territory. After zeroing in on the thief a gunfight ensued and Mr. Shaver gave the ultimate sacrifice

while carrying out his duties, but not before he fired three shots of his own that hit his mark and downed the outlaw; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C., honored Mr. Shaver in their Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2005, and on May 20, 2005, in Oklahoma, by adding his name to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The ceremony honors our nation's law enforcement officers and pays special tribute to those officers that have given their lives in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the portion of State Highway 62 that extends within the municipal limits of Boley, Oklahoma, in Okfuskee County be designated the W.R. Shaver Memorial Highway.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon that portion of highway bearing that name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of Transportation Phil Tomlinson and Director of Transportation Gary Ridley, members of the State Transportation Commission, and Boley Chief of Police, Virgil L. Green, Sr.

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