

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 28

By: Paddock of the Senate

and

Hilliard and Billy of the
House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending the life and career of state legislator Glen Ham; offering condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Glen Ham was born in Maysville, Oklahoma, on April 1, 1919, to one of the most prominent families in Garvin County. His grandfather, J.R. Ham, was elected to the first Board of County Commissioners for Garvin County while his father, Charles O. Ham, was elected Court Clerk in 1930 and served for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ham attended grade school in Maysville until his family moved to Pauls Valley where he graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1937. He enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Government and taking a pre-law curriculum. Glen Ham also found time for politics being elected President of the Garvin County League of Young Democrats in 1938 and being elected as Chair of the Fifth Congressional District League of Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ham enlisted in the Army during World War II and was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Forces. He served in the Pacific Theater, including Australia, New Guinea, the East Indies, the Philippines, and Okinawa. When Japan surrendered, he was stationed on the island of Ie Shima, only 325 miles from the Japanese mainland and the closest allied-held position to Japan. Glen Ham was awarded

three campaign stars and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ham returned to school, graduating from the Oklahoma City College of Law in 1949. He passed the Oklahoma Bar exam the same year and began his practice in Pauls Valley. He was a member of both the Pauls Valley and Purcell Chambers of Commerce. An active member of the First Baptist Church of Pauls Valley, Glen Ham was also a 32nd degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ham was elected to the Oklahoma State House of Representatives in 1950. During his second term he was elected Majority Floor Leader, a rare honor for one with so little seniority. While in the House of Representatives he served on and chaired many important committees; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ham was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1960 and served for four terms. While in his first term he was elected Majority Floor Leader, a rare honor for one with so little seniority. He chaired the Municipal Government Committee in the State Senate and served on the Executive Committee of the State Legislative Council and Rules Committee. Senator Ham was one of those selected to represent the Oklahoma State Senate at the funeral of President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in the state legislature and on the campaign trail, Glen Ham was a strong supporter of neighborhood schools, agriculture, county government reform, mental health, the handicapped, the aged, property tax relief for farm land, and the development of I-35, especially gaining access for smaller communities. Glen Ham had a reputation as being a peacemaker, low-keyed, and demonstrating absolute integrity; and

WHEREAS, former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and State Senate Glen Ham died on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at 85 years of age.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the life and
legislative career of Glen Ham of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature offers its most sincere
condolences to the family and friends of the late Glen Ham.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Deanya Driskill
and Glen Ham's stepson, Paul Moydel.

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