

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 106

By: Jolley

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution mourning the passing of Dr. Warren M. Angell; offering condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Warren M. Angell was born in Brooklyn, New York, on May 13, 1907. He graduated from Syracuse University receiving both bachelor and master of music degrees in piano and composition and his doctorate from Columbia University. Warren Angell taught piano and theory at Murray State Teachers College in Murray, Kentucky, as head of the Piano Department from 1934-1936; and

WHEREAS, Warren M. Angell moved to Oklahoma in 1936 when he was selected Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Professor of Piano, Organ, and Theory at Oklahoma Baptist University. During the next 37 years as Dean he grew the College of Fine Arts to a faculty of 29 and enrollment of 300. In 1956 the Oklahoma Baptist University Board of Trustees named the College of Fine Arts in his honor. He founded the Bison Glee Club and directed it until his retirement in 1973. He also founded the Bisonette Glee Club in 1954 and the Tuneclippers in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warren Angell wrote five books on choral techniques, had more than 53 published compositions in the choral field and four published piano numbers. He was a Fellow of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, served as a Trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and received three awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. He was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Lions International, Elks

Lodge, Music Educators National Conference, National Association of Teachers of Singing, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and a Charter Member of the American Choral Directors Association. In October 2005 Dr. Warren Angell was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 some 450 friends and former students gathered at Oklahoma Baptist University to celebrate Dr. Angell's 90th birthday. In 2002, over 100 friends and alumni from 16 states held a similar celebration over a three-day period in Black Mountain, North Carolina, to celebrate his 95th birthday. Plans were made to celebrate his 100th birthday in 2007 but Dr. Warren M. Angell died May 6, 2006, just one week before his 99th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Warren M. Angell touched the lives of not just the thousands of students under his direct tutelage, but also future generations of students who learned vicariously through the teachers who had received much of their training from Warren M. Angell.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the passing of Dr. Warren M. Angell, Dean Emeritus of Oklahoma Baptist University's Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate offers its most sincere condolences to Warren M. Angell's family, friends, fellow musicians, and former students and co-workers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Warren M. Angell's widow, Twyla Carothers Angell; his children, Richard Angell, Sally Angell Moore, and Julie Angell Nadeau; his students and friends, Dr. Michael Cox, Mr. Scott Oyer and Mr. Richard Huggins; and Dr. Paul Hammond, Dean of the Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts of Oklahoma Baptist University.