

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Extraordinary Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 3x

By: Branan

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution praising the life of the late Willis Wheat; mourning his death; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Willis J. Wheat was born on February 28, 1926, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Bill and Aubyn Wheat. Growing up in the Belle Isle area of Oklahoma City he attended Horace Mann and Classen Schools. He received his BS and MS degrees from Oklahoma State University and doctorate degrees from Texas Wesleyan University, the University of the Pacific and Oklahoma City University; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wheat served in the U.S. Army during World War II (Pacific Theater) and the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wheat was Dean of the School of Business at Oklahoma City University from 1954 to 1964 and then again from 1988-1990. He also served OCU as Interim President for almost a year from 1978-1979 and then held the T. K. Hendrick Chair of Distinguished Management from 1987-1995. Dean Wheat developed MBA programs in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia. He also taught at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wheat served as Executive Vice President of Liberty Bank and Trust from 1964-1987 and later as Chair and CEO of United Holding Company and Bank. He was Chair or President of OKC C/I Trust, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, OKC Plan Advisory Committee, Education Division of the Oklahoma City Chamber

of Commerce, State Department of Vo-Tech, OSU Tech Institute, and CBA Associates of OSU. Willis Wheat developed the Wheat Plan for Long Range Planning Committee of the Oklahoma City School District and was Oklahoma Chair of raising funds for renovation of the Statue of Liberty. At the time of his death he was Chair of the Oklahoma Centennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, Willis Wheat was a 32nd degree Mason and Jester, an author of two books and many articles, and received several distinguished service awards. Willis Wheat died June 10, 2006, at the age of 80.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life of the late Willis J. Wheat, and his contributions and service to Oklahoma City and the State of Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the family, friends, and coworkers in mourning the death of the late Willis J. Wheat and offers its most sincere condolences.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Dr. Willis Wheat's wife Libby, children Bill and Chatham Wheat, the Meinders School of Business at Oklahoma City University, and the Oklahoma Centennial Commission.

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