

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 70

By: Coffee

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution mourning the death of the late T. Ray Phillips III; extending condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, T. Ray Phillips III was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 22, 1939, the son of Mary Jane and T. Ray Phillips Jr. The oldest of five siblings, he attended Nichols Hills Elementary School where he played on the the Rattlesnake baseball team. A 1958 graduate of Casady School, T. Ray Phillips III played catcher on the baseball team and was a member of the conference championship football team. T. Ray Phillips III received his formal education at the University of Oklahoma (B.B.A. 1963 and J.D. 1966) and New York University (LL.M., Taxation, 1967); and

WHEREAS, T. Ray Phillips III was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1966 to practice before all Oklahoma courts, as well as the United States Tax Court and the United States District Court, Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma. T. Ray Phillips III practiced corporate and partnership law; acquisitions, divestitures, and mergers; real estate development; health care law, federal income, estate, and gift taxation; estate planning and probate; franchise law and municipal finance law; and

WHEREAS, T. Ray Phillips III was a member of the American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma County Bar Association, and National Association of Bond Lawyers. T. Ray Phillips III was cofounder and served as Director of the Law Firm of Phillips, McFall, McCaffrey, McVay, and Murrah, P.C.; and

WHEREAS, T. Ray Phillips III died December 19, 2005. He was an active member of many charitable and social groups; an avid learner, a mentor to many, and a teacher to all; a family man who lived a life full of zest and enthusiasm; a golfer, traveler, hunter, dog and gun owner, and fly fisherman; a very professional lawyer and a practical philosopher who was famous for his "T. Ray-isms"; and, finally, a man who perfectly balanced his life and led by example.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the family, friends, and coworkers of T. Ray Phillips III in mourning the death of this extraordinary lawyer, inspirational leader, family man, mentor, and cherished companion.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends its most heartfelt condolences to the family, many friends, and numerous coworkers of T. Ray Phillips III.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to T. Ray Phillips III's wife, Brooke; son, T. Ray Phillips IV; and daughters, Kendall Phillips Yates and Marni Phillips Warren.

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