

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1055

By: Shelton, Pittman, Shannon, Shumate,  
Adkins, Armes, Auffet, Banz, Benge,  
BigHorse, Billy, Blackwell, Braddock,  
Brannon, Brown, Cannaday, Carey,  
Cargill, Collins, Coody, Cooksey,  
Covey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby,  
DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Ellis, Enns,  
Faught, Gilbert, Glenn, Hamilton,  
Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Hoskin,  
Hyman, Ingmire, Inman, Jackson, Jett,  
Johnson (Dennis), Johnson (Rob), Jones,  
Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel,  
Lamons, Liebmann, Lindley, Luttrell,  
Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve),  
McAffrey, McCarter, McCullough,  
McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy),  
McMullen, McNiel, McPeak, Miller,  
Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations,  
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),  
Piatt, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar,  
Reynolds, Richardson, Roan, Rousselot,  
Schwartz, Sears, Sherrer, Shoemake,  
Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill,  
Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock,  
Turner, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft,  
Winchester, Worthen and Wright of the  
House

16 and

17 Johnson (Constance) and Eason McIntyre  
18 of the Senate

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21 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the life of Opio  
22 Toure; expressing sorrow for his untimely death and  
23 extending sympathy to his family; making a permanent  
24 record; and directing distribution.

1       WHEREAS, the shadow of grief has been cast upon this state at  
2 the death of a great Oklahoman, Opio Toure, who during his too brief  
3 life fought for the rights of the citizens of this state, thereby  
4 making Oklahoma a better place to live; and

5       WHEREAS, Opio Toure was a dedicated champion of justice who  
6 believed that all individuals deserved to be treated with dignity  
7 and respect; and

8       WHEREAS, as a State Representative and Chairman of the House  
9 Judiciary Committee, Opio Toure authored many legislative measures  
10 to right wrongs, including legislation to provide compensation to  
11 innocent persons wrongfully convicted of crimes and legislation to  
12 prohibit the execution of mentally retarded persons; and

13       WHEREAS, during his twelve-year tenure in the Oklahoma House of  
14 Representatives, Opio Toure won the respect of his colleagues on  
15 both sides of the aisle; and

16       WHEREAS, Opio Toure will always be remembered as a man of  
17 integrity and fairness who treated every individual with courtesy;  
18 and

19       WHEREAS, Opio Toure was a man of vision who strove to make this  
20 world a better place and through his efforts, in no small measure,  
21 succeeded; and

22       WHEREAS, mere words on the pages of this resolution cannot  
23 adequately express our deep-felt sense of loss at the passing of  
24 such an honorable man; and

1       WHEREAS, although we are saddened by the loss of Opio Toure, we  
2 are thankful for his life; and

3       WHEREAS, although death has taken our colleague and friend from  
4 us, he will never pass from our thoughts and the pain of his loss is  
5 tempered by the memory of what he has meant to us.

6       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the people of this  
10 state, celebrates the life of a truly great Oklahoman, Opio Toure.

11       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby expresses deepest sorrow  
12 for the untimely death of Opio Toure and extends heartfelt sympathy  
13 to the family of Opio Toure.

14       THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the  
15 Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Journal of  
16 the Oklahoma State Senate as a permanent record of the sentiment and  
17 condolences expressed herein.

18       THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be dispatched  
19 to Opio Toure's wife, Linda, and his two children, Jelani and  
20 Jabari.

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