

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1069

By: Shoemake, 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, McNiell, McPeak, Miller,  
Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations,  
Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron),  
Piatt, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett,  
Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Roan,  
Rousselot, Schwartz, Sears, Shannon,  
Shelton, Sherrer, Shumate, Smithson,  
Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson,  
Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Turner,  
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Winchester,  
Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Ballenger of the Senate

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20 A Concurrent Resolution praising the career of rodeo  
21 legend Jim Shoulders; designating April 1, 2008, "Jim  
22 Shoulders Day"; and directing distribution.  
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1       WHEREAS, rodeo legend James "Jim" Arthur Shoulders was born on  
2 May 13, 1928, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and died in Henryetta, Oklahoma,  
3 on June 20, 2007, at the age of 79; and

4       WHEREAS, at the age of fourteen, Shoulders took a break from  
5 working on a wheat harvest for a neighbor, earning 25 cents an hour,  
6 to watch a minor league rodeo on the Fourth of July in Oilton,  
7 Oklahoma; and

8       WHEREAS, he later reported to *The Tulsa World* that at this event  
9 he first tried bull riding, won 18 dollars, and "that sure beat the  
10 hell out of 25 cents an hour"; and

11       WHEREAS, Shoulders won an astonishing PRCA-record sixteen world  
12 championships during his ProRodeo Hall of Fame career - five all  
13 around, seven bull riding, and four bareback riding - standing as  
14 nearly unbeatable during the 1950s; and

15       WHEREAS, in addition to his sixteen world championships, he was  
16 reserve champion another ten times, including four second-place  
17 finishes in the all around; and

18       WHEREAS, Shoulders was a charter member of the ProRodeo Hall of  
19 Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was inducted into the Rodeo Hall  
20 of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and is the only rodeo cowboy  
21 honored in the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame in New York City;  
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1       WHEREAS, he was also inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in  
2 1975 for his years of public service, and was selected as a member  
3 of the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 1989; and

4       WHEREAS, because of his success as a rodeo cowboy and his  
5 larger-than-life persona, Shoulders served as a spokesperson for  
6 many corporations over the years, doing promotional work for Justin  
7 Boot Company and Miller Lite, and representing Wrangler Western Wear  
8 from 1948 until the time of his death.

9       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
11 CONCURRING THEREIN:

12       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature praises the career of Oklahoma  
13 rodeo legend Jim Shoulders.

14       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature designates Tuesday, April 1, 2008,  
15 "Jim Shoulders Day" at the State Capitol.

16       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jim Shoulders'  
17 wife, Sharon Shoulders; son, Marvin; daughters, Jamie Doak, Jana  
18 Shoulders, and Marcie Shoulders; and brothers Marvin, Bob, and Joe.

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