

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 59

By: Burrage, Adelson, Aldridge,  
Anderson, Ballenger,  
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,  
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,  
Coates, Coffee, Corn,  
Crain, Crutchfield, Easley,  
Eason McIntyre, Ford,  
Garrison, Gumm, Ivester,  
Johnson (Constance),  
Johnson (Mike), Jolley,  
Justice, Lamb, Laster,  
Laughlin, Leftwich,  
Lerblance, Mazzei, Morgan,  
Myers, Nichols, Paddack,  
Rabon, Reynolds, Rice,  
Riley, Schulz, Sparks,  
Sweeden, Sykes, Wilcoxson,  
Williamson, Wilson and  
Wyrick of the Senate

12 and

13 Hoskin of the House

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16 A Concurrent Resolution commending the life of the  
17 late State Senator Gideon W. "Gid" Graham; urging the  
18 Rogers County Commission to erect an appropriate  
19 marker; and directing distribution.

20 WHEREAS, Gideon W. "Gid" Graham was born in Coryell County,  
21 Texas, on January 21, 1867, the great-grandson of a full-blooded  
22 Cherokee. At the age of 19, with only his pony as capital, he came  
23 to Wagoner where he founded one the largest ranches in eastern  
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1 Oklahoma. Gid also was engaged in the banking and mercantile  
2 business before entering public life; and

3 WHEREAS, Gid Graham's career in public service began at  
4 statehood when he was elected to the Board of County Commissioners  
5 of Rogers County. Gid was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate but  
6 resigned to become Superintendent of the State Orphans' Home in  
7 Pryor, Oklahoma. Returning to the State Senate, Senator Graham  
8 served as Chair of the Senate Game and Fish Committee where he was  
9 instrumental in drafting Oklahoma's game laws. In the 1930s Senator  
10 Graham served as Chair of the State Game and Fish Commission, then  
11 was appointed Educational Director of the Oklahoma Game and Fish  
12 Commission. In the 1940s, by a Joint Resolution in the State  
13 Senate, he deeded the state 15 acres of his own land as a game  
14 refuge and his final resting place. He wrote as many as 350 letters  
15 a week and authored numerous pamphlets, all crusading for wildlife  
16 conservation; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Gid Graham was known as the "Grand Old Man of  
18 Oklahoma Conservation" and "Friend of the Hunted", a man who first  
19 tamed the wilderness, then defended the wildlife. Author of the  
20 books, "History of Animals" and "Animal Outlaws", his most beloved  
21 short stories were "The Eagle - the Emperor of the Air", "Bob White  
22 - the Optimist" and "Old Dutch - the Outlaw Horse". He also  
23 frequently lectured about wildlife conservation; and

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1       WHEREAS, Senator Gid Graham, recognized as the state's leading  
2 wildlife conservationist, died February 10, 1950, at his home in  
3 Collinsville and was buried atop the limestone mound on the game  
4 refuge north of Claremore.

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

8       THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the life and career  
9 of the late Oklahoma State Senator Gideon W. "Gid" Graham and  
10 praises his lifelong dedication and devotion to conserving our  
11 wildlife.

12       THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature strongly urges the Rogers  
13 County Commission to erect an appropriate marker or memorial on  
14 County Road EW 400, north of the Gid Graham Memorial Mound to  
15 commemorate the life, deeds and final resting place of this great  
16 Oklahoman.

17       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the County  
18 Commissioners of Rogers County.

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