

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1060

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A House Resolution commending the life of Jim Connor; offering condolences; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, James William ("Jim") Connor was born on August 21, 1932, in Seminole, Oklahoma, the son of William Michael and Gertrude (Smith) Connor. The Connor family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1938, where Jim received his primary education. In 1950, he graduated from Marquette High School, lettering in both football and basketball, and in 1954 graduated from St. Benedict's College in

Atchinson, Kansas, with a degree in business administration. Connor then entered the United States Army, serving with the 9th Infantry Division during the Allied occupation of Germany. Upon his honorable discharge, he enrolled in the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he graduated with honors in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Connor married Louise Allen Rucker of Bartlesville on February 27, 1960. They have been blessed with four children and eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from law school, Connor accepted a position as assistant county attorney in Bartlesville. He was elected county attorney for the 1961-1962 term of office. During his years of service with the county attorney's office, Connor never lost a criminal prosecution. After leaving the county attorney's office, he then began his private practice of law with Charles W. Selby where he continued practicing, under the firm now known as Selby, Connor, Maddux and Janer, until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Connor was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he served as the State Representative from District 10 for a period of eight years. During that time, the Capital Press Corps selected Connor each session as one of the ten outstanding legislators who made meaningful contributions to the operation of state government. Connor also served as Minority Floor Leader for Governors Henry Bellmon and Dewey F. Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Legislature, Connor returned to the private practice of law in Bartlesville, and also served as Bartlesville City Attorney in 1974 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, Connor was a member of the American Bar Association, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Washington County Bar Association; the Bartlesville Jaycees, receiving the Distinguished Man of the Year Award in 1967; the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce; the Daybreak Rotary Club; and the Hillcrest Country Club, serving as President in 1977. He was President of the Bartlesville Junior Baseball Association, and also coached and managed little league teams. He was also a long-time member of St. John Catholic Church, where he served on the finance committee; and

WHEREAS, Connor, along with law partner Charles W. Selby, was instrumental in founding the E.H. "Ted" and Melody Lyon Foundation in 1978, which as of today has disbursed over eighteen million dollars for worthwhile projects to the Bartlesville area; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding Oklahoman died March 24, 2008, at the age of 75 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby commends the full life and many accomplishments of the late Jim Connor.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives offers its most sincere condolences to the Connor family, all those who benefited from his many contributions, and the entire Bartlesville community.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jim Connor's wife, Louise; and to their children: James W. Connor, Jr., Laura Connor Blight, Patrick M. Connor, M.D., and Andrew A. Connor.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 3rd day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives