

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
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

and

Hoskin, Adkins, Armes, Auffet,
Banz, Bengé, 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, 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, Pittman, Proctor,

Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds,
Richardson, Roan, Rousselot,
Schwartz, Sears, Shannon,
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake,
Shumate, Smithson, Steele,
Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson,
Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock,
Turner, Walker, Watson,
Wesselhoft, Winchester, Worthen
and Wright of the House

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

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

WHEREAS, Gid Graham's career in public service began at statehood when he was elected to the Board of County Commissioners of Rogers County. Gid was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate but resigned to become Superintendent of the State Orphans' Home in Pryor, Oklahoma. Returning to the State Senate, Senator Graham served as Chair of the Senate Game and Fish Committee where he was instrumental in drafting Oklahoma's game laws. In the 1930s Senator Graham served as Chair of the State Game and Fish Commission, then was appointed Educational Director of the Oklahoma Game and Fish Commission. In the 1940s, by a Joint Resolution in the State Senate, he deeded the state 15 acres of his own land as a game refuge and his final resting place. He wrote as many as 350 letters

a week and authored numerous pamphlets, all crusading for wildlife conservation; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of April,
2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives