

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 86

By: Rabon, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, 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, Reynolds, Rice, Riley,
Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,
Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson
and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Pruett, Roan, Smithson, Adkins,
Armes, Auffet, Banz, Bengel,
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,

Morrisette, Murphey, Nations,
Peters, Peterson (Pam),
Peterson (Ron), Piatt, Pittman,
Proctor, Renegar, Reynolds,
Richardson, Rousselot,
Schwartz, Sears, Shannon,
Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake,
Shumate, Steele, Sullivan,
Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen,
Tibbs, Trebilcock, Turner,
Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft,
Winchester, Worthen and Wright
of the House

A Concurrent Resolution reaffirming the honors bestowed on retired state trooper Ed Vandergriff in SCR 68 passed in 2000; praising his public career; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff was born September 7, 1910, in Abilene, Texas, one of nine children. Ed worked on the farm until he became a teacher at Frogville, Oklahoma. One day he read an article in the Hugo newspaper about the Oklahoma State Legislature creating the highway patrol. He applied; and

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff was in the first state trooper class held at the University of Oklahoma in 1937. The job of state trooper not only paid better than that of a school teacher, but everything was furnished except socks and underwear. The communication device in their 1937 Ford was a giant copper-wire-wrapped pole that was placed on the bumper. Every time Ed and his partner went under an overpass, someone would have to get out of the car to remove the pole so the car would fit underneath. During those days, as a result of poor communications, there were very few traffic calls, and most of the calls were for drunks; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, when Ed Vandergriff was not drafted, he joined the military service. He was stationed in Durant, Oklahoma, when he went off to war and eventually traveled around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff retired from the highway patrol in 1960. He became sheriff of Choctaw County but only held the position for two years. Instead of law enforcement, he retired to a farm; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Oklahoma State Senate passed Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 68 by Senator Jeff Rabon, honoring Ed Vandergriff as the state's oldest living retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper. On February 28, 2000, 90-year-old retired state trooper Ed Vandergriff was honored in the Oklahoma State Capitol for his continued commitment to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

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 reaffirms the honors bestowed on retired state trooper Ed Vandergriff in Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 68, which passed the Senate in 2000.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature further praises and commends the public career of Ed Vandergriff whose dedication and work ethic has been a model, not just for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, but for all of state government and the entire State of Oklahoma. He is a hero to Oklahoma State Troopers, active and retired.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the state's oldest living retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper, Ed Vandergriff.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May,
2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives