

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 105

By: Corn, Rabon, Branan,
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(Mike), Jolley, Justice,
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Leftwich, Lerblance,
Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,
Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds,
Rice, Riley, Schulz,
Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,
Wilcoxson, Williamson,
Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution praising the life of the late Jack Mildren; mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren was born in Kingsville, Texas, October 10, 1949. He was quarterback of the Cooper High School Cougar football team in Abilene, Texas, during the 1967 Texas Class 4A State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, as a quarterback at the University of Oklahoma in October 1970, Jack Mildren was a natural to run the Sooner's new wishbone offense. The first Sooner quarterback to do so, he is known as the Godfather of the Wishbone; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren led the Sooners in the "Game of the Century" against Nebraska in 1971. In that year he was selected as both an All-American Quarterback and Academic All-American. He was instrumental in the 1972 Sugar Bowl game, crushing Auburn. Jack Mildren rushed for three touchdowns and was named the game's Most Valuable Player (MVP); and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren played professional football as a defensive back in the National Football League (NFL) for three years with the Baltimore Colts and New England Patriots; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren, who received his Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Petroleum Land Management from the University of Oklahoma, was successful in the oil business. He was co-founder and President of Regency Exploration, Inc., from 1979-1988 and an independent oil operator since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren served as Chief Executive Officer of Pre-Paid Legal Services and was selected as Vice Chair of Arvest Bank. He was a member of the Committee to Develop Biotechnology Industry in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren's love of the State of Oklahoma culminated in his election to the Office of Lieutenant Governor in 1990 and his exceptional service in that office for the following four years. Jack Mildren was more concerned with right and wrong than with partisan politics. His public service continued when in 2006 Governor Brad Henry appointed him to serve a term on the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren has hosted a daily sports radio talk show on two local radio stations. He has also hosted two television sports shows on Cox, making him a media celebrity; and

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren will be forever remembered for his achievements in athletics, business and public service and for his warm smile, his leadership and his integrity.

WHEREAS, Jack Mildren died Thursday afternoon, May 22, 2008, at the age of 58, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life of athlete, businessman, public servant, media celebrity, and beloved husband and father, Jack Mildren.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the loss of former Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jack Mildren and joins with his family, friends, and many admirers in sharing their profound sense of grief and loss.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of former Lieutenant Governor Jack Mildren: his beloved wife, Janis, their three children, Leigh Woody, Lauren Ford, and Andrew (Drew) Mildren, his mother, Mary Glynne Mildren and his brothers, Richard and Glynne.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate