

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 59

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Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,
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Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution praising the public career of the late
Zach Taylor; mourning his loss; and directing
distribution.

WHEREAS, Zach D. Taylor Jr. was born on February 15, 1947, in
Pecos, Texas. His family later moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
where Zach graduated from Harding High School. Zach graduated from
the University of Oklahoma in 1969 with a degree in political
science. Early in his career he held positions in city management
and councils of government in both Oregon and Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, nearly 30 years ago Zach Taylor was selected as
Executive Director of the Association of Central Oklahoma

Governments, a position he held until his death. His accomplishments were many and included working on the enhancement of the 9-1-1 system, and especially upgrading emergency response from cell phone calls, promoting transportation planning, maintaining clean air, improving water quality, and providing technical assistance to local governments; and

WHEREAS, Zach Taylor was recognized with a wide variety of awards, including selection as Administrator of the Year by the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration and receiving the Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award from that organization, the Air Conservationist Award from the Oklahoma Wildlife Association, and being named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for City and Town Officials, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Zach Taylor, a man involved in more organizations than can be mentioned, a man who bridged the gap between all levels of government in Central Oklahoma, a man beloved by family and friends, died Friday, January 4, 2008, 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 public career of the late Zach Taylor, Executive Director of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG).

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with the family, friends, and coworkers of Zach Taylor in mourning the loss of this civic and regional leader who made an enormous contribution to the development of Central Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Zach Taylor's wife, Alison; two daughters, Elizabeth and Lauren; and the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG).

Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate