

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 68

By: Anderson, Adelson,  
Aldridge, Ballenger,  
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,  
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,  
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,  
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,  
Easley, Eason McIntyre,  
Ford, Garrison, Gumm,  
Ivester, Johnson  
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(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

A Resolution honoring Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake;  
mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Christopher Michael Hake was born August 17, 1981, to Peter M. Hake and Denice Y. Hake. Chris lived in Erick, Oklahoma, until the age of two when he moved to Enid, Oklahoma. There he attended Chisholm Elementary School and graduated from Oklahoma Bible Academy in 2000. After graduation, he joined the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Chris helped to clear the Pentagon following the terrorist attack on the building; and

WHEREAS, Chris married Kelli Short of Stillwater on December 21, 2004, and their son Gage was born on October 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake was deployed for his second tour of duty in Iraq on October 23, 2007. Sergeant Hake was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, where he served as a Squad Leader; and

WHEREAS, on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake and three other United States servicemen gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country when they were killed by a roadside bomb while they patrolled the streets of Southern Baghdad. Sergeant Hake was the 65th Oklahoman to give his life in the Iraq war and the second from his hometown of Enid; and

WHEREAS, Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake set an outstanding example of service to God, service to country and service to others. His life was a living testimony of his belief in God and his belief in the military's mission in Iraq. These beliefs were reflected in a recent communication to loved ones where Chris wrote: "... if anything were to happen to me, Gage would always be able to know that his father died so that he could live in peace. I know Jesus did the same for me..."; and

WHEREAS, Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake will be laid to rest as a true American hero with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on April 8, 2008.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors United States Army Staff Sergeant Chris Hake for making the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with the family, friends, and military comrades of Sergeant Hake in mourning his loss.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Sergeant Hake's wife, Kelli, a Stillwater native; 18-month-old son, Gage; parents,

Pete and Jill Hake of Enid; Denice and Russell York of Sayre; and the student body of Oklahoma Bible Academy.

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of April, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate