

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 86

4 By: Rabon, Adelson, Aldridge,
5 Anderson, Ballenger,
6 Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
7 Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
8 Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
9 Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
10 Easley, Eason McIntyre,
11 Ford, Garrison, Gumm,
12 Ivester, Johnson
13 (Constance), Johnson
14 (Mike), Jolley, Justice,
15 Lamb, Laster, Laughlin,
16 Leftwich, Lerblance,
17 Mazzei, Morgan, Myers,
18 Nichols, Paddack,
19 Reynolds, Rice, Riley,
20 Schulz, Sparks, Sweeden,
21 Sykes, Wilcoxson,
22 Williamson, Wilson and
23 Wyrick of the Senate

24 and

Pruett, Roan and Smithson
of the House

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

21 WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff was born September 7, 1910, in Abilene,
22 Texas, one of nine children. Ed worked on the farm until he became
23 a teacher at Frogville, Oklahoma. One day he read an article in the
24

1 Hugo newspaper about the Oklahoma State Legislature creating the
2 highway patrol. He applied; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, in 2000 the Oklahoma State Senate passed Senate
21 Concurrent Resolution Number 68 by Senator Jeff Rabon, honoring Ed
22 Vandergriff as the state's oldest living retired Oklahoma Highway
23 Patrol Trooper. On February 28, 2000, 90-year-old retired state
24

1 trooper Ed Vandergriff was honored in the Oklahoma State Capitol for
2 his continued commitment to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

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

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature reaffirms the honors
7 bestowed on retired state trooper Ed Vandergriff in Senate
8 Concurrent Resolution Number 68, which passed the Senate in 2000.

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

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

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

