

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1055

By: Shelton, Pittman, Shannon
and Shumate of the House

5 And

6 Johnson (Constance) and
7 Eason McIntyre of the
8 Senate

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10 AS INTRODUCED

11 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the life of Opio
12 Toure; expressing sorrow for his untimely death and
13 extending sympathy to his family; making a permanent
14 record; and directing distribution.

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16 WHEREAS, the shadow of grief has been cast upon this state at
17 the death of a great Oklahoman, Opio Toure, who during his too brief
18 life fought for the rights of the citizens of this state, thereby
19 making Oklahoma a better place to live; and

20 WHEREAS, Opio Toure was a dedicated champion of justice who
21 believed that all individuals deserved to be treated with dignity
22 and respect; and

23 WHEREAS, as a State Representative and Chairman of the House
24 Judiciary Committee, Opio Toure authored many legislative measures

1 to right wrongs, including legislation to provide compensation to
2 innocent persons wrongfully convicted of crimes and legislation to
3 prohibit the execution of mentally retarded persons; and

4 WHEREAS, during his twelve-year tenure in the Oklahoma House of
5 Representatives, Opio Toure won the respect of his colleagues on
6 both sides of the aisle; and

7 WHEREAS, Opio Toure will always be remembered as a man of
8 integrity and fairness who treated every individual with courtesy;
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10 WHEREAS, Opio Toure was a man of vision who strove to make this
11 world a better place and through his efforts, in no small measure,
12 succeeded; and

13 WHEREAS, mere words on the pages of this resolution cannot
14 adequately express our deep-felt sense of loss at the passing of
15 such an honorable man; and

16 WHEREAS, although we are saddened by the loss of Opio Toure, we
17 are thankful for his life; and

18 WHEREAS, although death has taken our colleague and friend from
19 us, he will never pass from our thoughts and the pain of his loss is
20 tempered by the memory of what he has meant to us.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, on behalf of the people of this
2 state, celebrates the life of a truly great Oklahoman, Opio Toure.

3 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature hereby expresses deepest sorrow
4 for the untimely death of Opio Toure and extends heartfelt sympathy
5 to the family of Opio Toure.

6 THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the
7 Journal of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Journal of
8 the Oklahoma State Senate as a permanent record of the sentiment and
9 condolences expressed herein.

10 THAT duly authenticated copies of this resolution be dispatched
11 to Opio Toure's wife, Linda, and his two children, Jelani and
12 Jabari.

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