

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 63

By: Rice of the Senate

5 and

6 McAffrey of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution praising the public service
10 of Charles Nesbitt; offering condolences; and
11 directing distribution.

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13 WHEREAS, Charles Nesbitt was born on August 30, 1921, in Miami,
14 Oklahoma, to Charles and Irma Wilhelmi Nesbitt. A 1938 graduate of
15 Tulsa Central High School, he received a bachelor's degree in
16 government from the University of Oklahoma in 1942 on the same day
17 that he received his Phi Beta Kappa Key, his Outstanding Graduate
18 Award, his U.S. Army Second Lieutenant commission, and his orders to
19 report to Fort Sill; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Nesbit served in Europe during World War II as
21 a specialist in tank gunnery under the command of General George S.
22 Patton. After the war, he attended Yale University where he was a
23 member of the Phi Delta Phi Honor Society. Charles Nesbitt received
24 his Juris Doctor degree in 1947, then served as a law clerk for

1 Federal District Judge Bower Broaddus from 1947-1948. He retired
2 from the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of Major in 1950; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Nesbitt practiced law in Oklahoma City,
4 specializing in oil and gas law. He was elected Attorney General of
5 Oklahoma and served from 1962-1966; he was elected to the
6 Corporation Commission, serving as its Chair from 1968-1975; and he
7 served as the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy from 1991-1995; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Nesbitt was a member of the founding board of
9 Heritage Hills neighborhood and served twice as its President. He
10 was so active in the Oklahoma Museum of Art, he was made a permanent
11 member of the Museum Board. As an Episcopalian, he served on the
12 Ecclesiastical Court of the Oklahoma Diocese. Charles Nesbitt was
13 well known as an avid gardener and collector of antiques. He died
14 July 5, 2007, in Oklahoma City at the age of 85.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
16 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 CONCURRING THEREIN:

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the public service
19 of Charles Nesbitt who ably held some of the most important
20 positions in Oklahoma State Government and his community.

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature joins with the family and
22 many friends of Charles Nesbitt in mourning his passing and offers
23 its most sincere condolences to all those who knew him.

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1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Charles
2 Nesbitt's wife of almost 60 years, Margot Lord Nesbitt.

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