

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 7

By: Wilson of the Senate

5 and

6 Brown of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution commending the public service
10 of the late Ted Risenhoover; mourning the loss of
11 this outstanding public servant; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Theodore Marshall "Ted" Risenhoover was born on
14 November 3, 1934, in East Liberty in Haskell County, Oklahoma, the
15 son of J.D. Risenhoover and Allene (Westbrook) Risenhoover. Ted
16 graduated from Stigler High School in 1952. Ted studied economics
17 and political science at the University of Alabama in the early
18 1960s, then enrolled at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah,
19 Oklahoma, where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1965; and

20 WHEREAS, Ted Risenhoover spent eight years in the United States
21 Air Force, serving both in the United States and abroad. Enlisting
22 in 1955, Ted served as an airborne radio operator in Europe, Africa,
23 and the Middle East. He was later assigned to the Air University at
24 Montgomery, Alabama, then to the Strategic Air Command in Omaha,

1 Nebraska. Ted received his honorable discharge in 1963. Ted later
2 served as a Special Assistant in the Department of Defense from 1978
3 until 1981; and

4 WHEREAS, Ted Risenhoover founded the weekly "Pictorial Press"
5 (now called the "Tahlequah Daily Press") in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in
6 1965 and served as its publisher until 1980. Ted also organized Web
7 Offset Printers, Inc., and acquired the "Tahlequah Star-Citizen".
8 He served on the Board of Directors of the Tahlequah Chamber of
9 Commerce for three years; and

10 WHEREAS, Ted Risenhoover began his public career in 1970,
11 serving as a member of the Oklahoma Crime Commission from the Second
12 District until 1974. He narrowly missed being elected to the
13 Oklahoma State Senate in 1972. Ted was a delegate to the Democratic
14 National Mid-term Convention in 1974. Also in 1974, Ted Risenhoover
15 was elected to the United States House of Representatives from
16 Oklahoma's Second District where he served until 1978. During his
17 two terms in Congress, Representative Risenhoover served on the
18 Committees on Public Works and Transportation, Interior and Insular
19 Affairs, Education and Labor, and the Select Committee on Aging. He
20 also worked to preserve historical House legislation from the 1800s;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Ted Risenhoover returned to Oklahoma after his stay in
23 Washington, D.C., and held a variety of positions, all aimed at
24 helping people. Ted served as an employment service specialist for

1 the American Association of Retired Persons, assisting older
2 Oklahomans find jobs. He also worked briefly in the Cherokee County
3 Clerk's office; and

4 WHEREAS, Ted Risenhoover died at the Claremore Veteran's Center
5 on September 10, 2006, and was buried with full military honors as a
6 disabled veteran on September 15, 2006, in Fort Gibson National
7 Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
9 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 CONCURRING THEREIN:

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors and commends the
12 public service of the late Theodore "Ted" Risenhoover.

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature mourns the loss of Ted
14 Risenhoover, an outstanding public servant whose career was one of
15 service to the people of Oklahoma.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ted
17 Risenhoover's son, William Jacob Risenhoover; daughter, Niki
18 Risenhoover; brothers, Bill Risenhoover and Marvin Risenhoover;
19 sister, Berthalou McDaniel; and former Chief Congressional Aide
20 Joseph H. Carter.

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