

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 105

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution praising the life of the late Jack  
9 Mildren; mourning his loss; and directing  
10 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren was born in Kingsville, Texas, October 10,  
13 1949. He was quarterback of the Cooper High School Cougar football  
14 team in Abilene, Texas, during the 1967 Texas Class 4A State  
15 Championship game; and

16 WHEREAS, as a quarterback at the University of Oklahoma in  
17 October 1970, Jack Mildren was a natural to run the Sooner's new  
18 wishbone offense. The first Sooner quarterback to do so, he is  
19 known as the Godfather of the Wishbone; and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren led the Sooners in the "Game of the  
21 Century" against Nebraska in 1971. In that year he was selected as  
22 both an All-American Quarterback and Academic All-American. He was  
23 instrumental in the 1972 Sugar Bowl game, crushing Auburn. Jack  
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1 Mildren rushed for three touchdowns and was named the game's Most  
2 Valuable Player (MVP); and

3 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren played professional football as a  
4 defensive back in the National Football League (NFL) for three years  
5 with the Baltimore Colts and New England Patriots; and

6 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren, who received his Bachelor of Business  
7 Administration with a major in Petroleum Land Management from the  
8 University of Oklahoma, was successful in the oil business. He was  
9 co-founder and President of Regency Exploration, Inc., from 1979-  
10 1988 and an independent oil operator since 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren served as Chief Executive Officer of Pre-  
12 Paid Legal Services and was selected as Vice Chair of Arvest Bank.  
13 He was a member of the Committee to Develop Biotechnology Industry  
14 in Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren's love of the State of Oklahoma culminated  
16 in his election to the Office of Lieutenant Governor in 1990 and his  
17 exceptional service in that office for the following four years.

18 Jack Mildren was more concerned with right and wrong than with  
19 partisan politics. His public service continued when in 2006  
20 Governor Brad Henry appointed him to serve a term on the University  
21 of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) Board of Regents; and

22 WHEREAS, Jack Mildren has hosted a daily sports radio talk show  
23 on two local radio stations. He has also hosted two television  
24 sports shows on Cox, making him a media celebrity; and

1       WHEREAS, Jack Mildren will be forever remembered for his  
2 achievements in athletics, business and public service and for his  
3 warm smile, his leadership and his integrity.

4       WHEREAS, Jack Mildren died Thursday afternoon, May 22, 2008, at  
5 the age of 58, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

8       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life of athlete,  
9 businessman, public servant, media celebrity, and beloved husband  
10 and father, Jack Mildren.

11       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the loss of former  
12 Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jack Mildren and joins with his family,  
13 friends, and many admirers in sharing their profound sense of grief  
14 and loss.

15       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of  
16 former Lieutenant Governor Jack Mildren: his beloved wife, Janis,  
17 their three children, Leigh Woody, Lauren Ford, and Andrew (Drew)  
18 Mildren, and his brother, Richard.

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