

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 59

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution praising the public career of the late  
8 Zach Taylor; mourning his loss; and directing  
9 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Zach D. Taylor Jr. was born on February 15, 1947, in  
13 Pecos, Texas. His family later moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
14 where Zach graduated from Harding High School. Zach graduated from  
15 the University of Oklahoma in 1969 with a degree in political  
16 science. Early in his career he held positions in city management  
17 and councils of government in both Oregon and Oklahoma; and

18 WHEREAS, nearly 30 years ago Zach Taylor was selected as  
19 Executive Director of the Association of Central Oklahoma  
20 Governments, a position he held until his death. His  
21 accomplishments were many and included working on the enhancement of  
22 the 9-1-1 system, and especially upgrading emergency response from  
23 cell phone calls, promoting transportation planning, maintaining  
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1 clean air, improving water quality, and providing technical  
2 assistance to local governments; and

3 WHEREAS, Zach Taylor was recognized with a wide variety of  
4 awards, including selection as Administrator of the Year by the  
5 Oklahoma Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration  
6 and receiving the Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award from that  
7 organization, the Air Conservationist Award from the Oklahoma  
8 Wildlife Association, and being named to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame  
9 for City and Town Officials, to name just a few; and

10 WHEREAS, Zach Taylor, a man involved in more organizations than  
11 can be mentioned, a man who bridged the gap between all levels of  
12 government in Central Oklahoma, a man beloved by family and friends,  
13 died Friday, January 4, 2008, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the public career of the  
17 late Zach Taylor, Executive Director of the Association of Central  
18 Oklahoma Governments (ACOG).

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with the family, friends,  
20 and coworkers of Zach Taylor in mourning the loss of this civic and  
21 regional leader who made an enormous contribution to the development  
22 of Central Oklahoma.

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1        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Zach Taylor's  
2 wife, Alison; two daughters, Elizabeth and Lauren; and the  
3 Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG).  
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