

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 64

By: Burrage

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution congratulating former Oklahoma State  
8 Senate President Pro Tempore Clem McSpadden upon  
9 receiving the Chester A. Reynolds Award; and  
10 directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Clem Rodgers McSpadden was born on his grandparents'  
13 ranch near Bushyhead in Rogers County, Oklahoma, on November 9,  
14 1925. A great nephew of Will Rogers, Clem grew up on the Will  
15 Rogers Ranch near Oologah, Oklahoma, where his father was ranch  
16 manager; and

17 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden became a member of the Professional  
18 Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1947 and competed in roping events and  
19 bulldogging. That same year he launched his professional rodeo  
20 announcing career. He served as General Manager of the National  
21 Finals Rodeo (NFR) for 18 years, announcing the NFR three times. He  
22 also served as Announcer and General Manger of the Indian National  
23 Finals Rodeo, as Manager of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary Rodeo,  
24 and as an announcer for the College Finals and High School National

1 Finals Rodeos. He was the first announcer from the United States to  
2 be selected to announce the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton and  
3 the Calgary Stampede; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Clem McSpadden, while President Pro Tempore of  
5 the Oklahoma State Senate, participated in the planning of the  
6 National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Now known  
7 as the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, in 1990 it  
8 established the Chester A. Reynolds Award. Named in honor of the  
9 founder of the museum, the honor is bestowed upon a living person  
10 who embodies traits set forth by the Museum's Board of Directors.

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

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates former Oklahoma  
14 State Senate President Pro Tempore Clem McSpadden who will receive  
15 the Chester A. Reynolds Award at the Western Heritage Awards  
16 ceremony April 12, 2008, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage  
17 Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Chester A.  
19 Reynolds Award winner, Clem McSpadden.

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