

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Justice, Adelson,
Aldridge, Anderson,
Ballenger, Barrington,
Bass, Bingman, Branan,
Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Coffee, Corn,
Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ellis, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Mike), Jolley,
Lamb, Laster, Leftwich,
Lerblance, Marlatt,
Mazzei, Myers, Newberry,
Nichols, Paddack,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick
of the Senate

13 and

14 DeWitt and Armes of the
15 House

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18 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the Oklahoma
19 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to name
20 their complex the "Clem Rogers McSpadden Agricultural
21 Complex"; and directing distribution.

22 WHEREAS, Clem Rogers McSpadden loved life and lived it well; and

23 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden, a fifth-generation rancher, was born in

24 Bushyhead and grew up on the Will Rogers Ranch. He owned and

1 managed a cow-calf operation in Rogers County on land settled by his
2 family in Indian Territory; and

3 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden, a native son of Oklahoma, served his
4 country in the United States Navy during World War II and his state
5 in the Oklahoma State Senate as President Pro Tempore, the first in
6 history to succeed himself. He was elected to the United States
7 House of Representatives where he founded the Rural Caucus, which is
8 still in existence today, and was the first freshman in history to
9 be appointed to the House Rules Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Will Rogers, the great uncle of Clem McSpadden, said
11 that he "never met a man he didn't like"; it could easily be said
12 that Clem never met a man who didn't like him; and

13 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden, a 1948 graduate from Oklahoma A&M, now
14 known as Oklahoma State University, received the 2008 OSU Division
15 of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources Distinguished
16 Agricultural Alumnus Award during Fall Homecoming; and

17 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden possessed a great wit and a memorable
18 drawl which earned him recognition as the voice of professional
19 rodeo, membership in the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame & Museum of the
20 American Cowboy, as well as the National Cowboy & Western Heritage
21 Museum, and the 1998 Ben Johnson Memorial Award. He was the first
22 U.S. citizen to announce the Calgary Stampede; and

23 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden announced over the course of six
24 decades, was credited with saving and bringing to prominence the

1 National Finals Rodeo. Clem McSpadden served as President of the
2 RCA, now the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA); was
3 selected Announcer of the Year; and announced rodeos for more than
4 half a century; and

5 WHEREAS, McSpadden's honesty and integrity became famous at the
6 State Capitol and led to overwhelming respect by legislators and
7 state officials. He was involved at the State Capitol beginning in
8 1954 and continuing through 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden was inducted in 1990 into the Oklahoma
10 Hall of Fame and was included in the book, "100 Distinguished
11 Oklahomans", thanks to his constant service and dedication to the
12 state as he worked to ensure the preservation of Oklahoma's rich
13 heritage for future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden was selected to receive the Chester A.
15 Reynolds Memorial Award from the National Cowboy & Western Heritage
16 Museum, its highest honor. He will be inducted into the Oklahoma
17 Sports Hall of Fame this year. The Lazy E White Hat Award was
18 established in his name; and

19 WHEREAS, Clem McSpadden devoted his life to being an ambassador
20 and an advocate for Oklahoma agriculture, both in our state and
21 around the world.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
23 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
24 CONCURRING THEREIN:

