

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 CONCURRENT  
3 RESOLUTION NO. 54

By: Newberry, Stanislawski,  
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,  
Justice, Lamb, Laster,  
Leftwich, Lerblance,  
Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers,  
Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds,  
Rice, Russell, Schulz,  
Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,  
Wilson and Wyrick of the  
Senate

and

Sullivan and Wright (John)  
of the House

17 A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the life of  
18 Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty; commending his  
19 accomplishments; and directing distribution.

20 WHEREAS, Billy Joe Daugherty was born April 23, 1952. He  
21 attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduating with  
22 a bachelors degree in Christian Education and later a Doctor of  
23 Theology. In the 1970s he served as Youth Minister at Sheridan  
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1 Christian Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, becoming its Senior Pastor in  
2 1976; and

3 WHEREAS, by 1980 attendance had grown from 400 to 2,000 and with  
4 the blessing of the board, Pastor Daugherty founded what is now  
5 Victory Christian Center, which currently has over 17,000 members;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in 2005, Pastor Daugherty was assaulted during an altar  
8 call, which produced a black eye and cut that required several  
9 stitches. Pastor Daugherty visited his assailant, forgave the man,  
10 and authored a book about the incident: "Knocked Down But Not Out";  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, besides founding Victory Christian Center, Pastor  
13 Daugherty founded Victory Christian School, serving over 1700  
14 students; The Tulsa Dream Center; and the Victory Bible Institute  
15 which has more than 900 campuses in 93 countries; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Daugherty's television program, "Victory in  
17 Jesus", reached more than 100 million households in North America,  
18 with satellite and Internet distribution worldwide. Along with his  
19 wife and co-pastor Sharon Daugherty, he has authored more than a  
20 dozen inspirational books; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Daugherty was one of America's best-known and  
22 most charismatic pastors. He preached that "God loves you, sin  
23 separates you from God, Jesus died for your sins, you can be saved  
24 by confessing Jesus is Lord"; and

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty at the age of 57 "graduated  
2 into heaven" on Sunday, November 22, 2009. A memorial service  
3 attended by thousands was held November 30, 2009. Pastors from all  
4 over the world spoke at the service to celebrate his life.

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
6 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 CONCURRING THEREIN:

8           THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the life and  
9 legacy of Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty, a dedicated family man, a  
10 gifted leader, a tireless spokesman for the gospel, a great  
11 Oklahoman, and a great man of God.

12           THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the late Pastor  
13 Billy Joe Daugherty, a man whose efforts bettered the lives of  
14 people all over the world, for his extraordinary legacy of ministry  
15 and service not just in Tulsa but far beyond the borders of  
16 Oklahoma.

17           THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Pastor Billy  
18 Joe Daugherty's wife, Sharon Daugherty, who now serves as Senior  
19 Pastor of Victory Christian Center; daughters, Ruthie Sanders and  
20 Sarah Wehrli; sons, Paul and John Daugherty; and mother, Iru  
21 Daugherty.

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