

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 61

By: Coffee, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, 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, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Reynolds, Rice,
Russell, Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of
the Senate

12 and

13 Bengé of the House

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16 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions
17 of T. Boone Pickens; thanking him for his generosity;
18 welcoming him to the state capitol and designating
19 May 12, 2010, "T. Boone Pickens Appreciation Day" in
the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

20 WHEREAS, T. Boone Pickens likes to say he grew up, "Where the
21 pavement ends, the West begins, and the Rock Island crosses the
22 Frisco". The colorful, no-nonsense Pickens is fiercely proud of the
23 Holdenville, Oklahoma, roots that shaped him. Pickens was a child
24 of the Depression and through the example of his grandmother and

1 parents learned lessons of frugality and the privilege of working;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, his advocacy of domestic energy independence is having
4 a pervasive impact on the American landscape and Oklahoma's oil and
5 natural gas interests. His sizable investments in educational,
6 cultural, historical, and health and welfare causes represent his
7 steadfast faith in the future of the state and this nation; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his professional life, Pickens has been a
9 generous philanthropist, giving away nearly a billion dollars.
10 Oklahoma organizations have captured more than half of that
11 philanthropy. Pickens has dedicated more than \$500 million to
12 Oklahoma State University (OSU), divided nearly equally between
13 academics and athletics; and

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma State University named him the Distinguished
15 Fellow of the College of Arts and Sciences, and awarded him the
16 Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished
17 Alumni Award and the Distinguished Fellow Award.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
19 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the many
22 contributions T. Boone Pickens has made to the State of Oklahoma.

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature thanks T. Boone Pickens for
24 his generosity towards his native State of Oklahoma.

