

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Branan

A Resolution praising the life and career of J. Walter Duncan Jr.; mourning his loss, and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, J. Walter Duncan Jr. was born on November 26, 1916, in La Salle, Illinois, the son of Walter and Velma Duncan. His family founded the La Salle State Bank, Marquette Cement, and the Duncan Insurance Office. Like other family members, Walter attended Saint Bede's Academy in La Salle and Notre Dame University. In partnership with his father, J. Walter Duncan Jr. became involved in the oil business; and

WHEREAS, J. Walter Duncan Jr. moved his family to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1949. He was the founder of Duncan Oil and was a member of the International Petroleum Association of America. Along with his father and two brothers, Raymond and Vincent, J. Walter Duncan Jr. expanded beyond oil and gas to office, retail, motel, and multifamily real estate development; and

WHEREAS, J. Walter Duncan Jr. was one of the original founders of the United States Football League (USFL) and owned the New Jersey Generals. He was also involved with his family in the development of ski areas in Durango, Colorado. He was an avid sportsman; and

WHEREAS, J. Walter Duncan Jr. served on many boards, including Marquette Cement, Liberty Bank, Mercy Hospital, Casady School, and Christ the King Catholic Church. He held a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade and the Union League Club of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, J. Walter Duncan died Saturday, February 21, 2009, at the age of 92 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of the late Oklahoma oilman J. Walter Duncan Jr.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the family and friends of J. Walter Duncan Jr. in mourning his loss.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to J. Walter Duncan's wife, Allie; his three children, daughters Lynn Leedy and Elizabeth Lewis, and son Nick Duncan; and two brothers, Monsignor Edward Duncan and Raymond Duncan.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of February, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate