

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 28

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

A Resolution extending condolences upon the death of  
Jarita Pyrl Bicknell Askins; and directing  
distribution.

WHEREAS, no one has ever exemplified the best qualities of  
Oklahomans, including the love of God, country, family and golf,  
more than Jarita Pyrl Bicknell Askins; and

WHEREAS, Jarita Pyrl Bicknell was born in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, on  
May 20, 1923, to William Stanley and Pearl Hunter Bicknell and later  
moved to western Oklahoma, graduating from Sayre High School; and

WHEREAS, Jarita then attended Sayre Junior College and the  
University of Oklahoma, where she became the first female editor of  
The Oklahoma Daily and received a degree in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Jarita married Ollie M. Askins on April 22, 1951, beginning a partnership that endured for more than half a century and encompassed the raising of their daughters, Jari and Carrie, and their son, Marty; a family business, the Stephens County Abstract Company; and a deep commitment to their church and community; and

WHEREAS, Jarita was known far and wide as one of Oklahoma's premier golfers, winning tournaments both on her own and teamed with Ollie, twice winning the Women's State Seniors Championship, and becoming the first woman inducted into the Women's Oklahoma Golf Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Jarita's energy and leadership were recognized by countless awards, including the Distinguished Citizen by the Duncan Jaycees, the Woman of the Year by the Duncan Chamber of Commerce, and the Liberty Bell Award by the Stephens County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Jarita Pyrl Bicknell Askins will forever be remembered in Duncan, in Stephens County, and in the great State of Oklahoma as a woman of limitless good cheer, energy, faith and patriotism.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends condolences upon the death of Jarita Pyrl Bicknell Askins.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the children and grandchildren of Jarita Pyrl Bicknell Askins: Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins, Carrie Askins, Marty and Dana Askins, Aaron Askins and Allison Askins; and to the Stephens County Historical Museum.

Adopted by the Senate the 14th day of April, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate