

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 32

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Russell, Schulz, Sparks,
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Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution reaffirming the honors bestowed on Ed Vandergriff; mourning his passing; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Charles Edgar "Ed" Vandergriff II was born September 7, 1910, in Abilene, Texas, one of nine children. While a teacher at Frogville in Choctaw County, he applied for a position in the newly created Oklahoma Highway Patrol and attended the first state trooper class in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Ed returned to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, retiring in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff served as sheriff of Choctaw County for two years after his retirement. He then retired to a farm in Hugo, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Oklahoma State Legislature honored Ed Vandergriff as the oldest living retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper in the state by adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68 by Senator Jeff Rabon; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature reaffirmed Ed's status in 2008 with the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86, also authored by Senator Rabon. Ed visited the state capitol for the occasion, gave interviews, and addressing the Oklahoma State Senate declared: "You have a job to do and you're doing it. We appreciate you."; and

WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff died Monday, March 30, 2009, at the age of 98 years in Hugo, Oklahoma.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the public service of Ed Vandergriff and reaffirms the honors bestowed upon him by SCR No. 68 in 2000 and SCR No. 86 in 2008.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the passing of the man who was the oldest retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper and offers its most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ed Vandergriff's son, Eddie Vandergriff; daughter, Jan Smeigh; and to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Adopted by the Senate the 2nd day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate