

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 54

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

A Resolution acknowledging the contributions of Leon Sherrer; honoring his contributions; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Thomas Leon Sherrer was born on February 6, 1920, in Snow, Oklahoma, the son of Robert and Delanie Sherrer. Leon grew up on a small farm with his seven brothers and three sisters. Until the eighth grade Leon attended a one room school with only one teacher – his older brother. Leon then attended Antlers High School where he graduated in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer, having graduated from high school, spent a year and a half with the Civilian Conservation Corp, working at

Camp Maxy in Paris, Texas, and at an air base in Dodge City, Kansas. Leon spent four years during World War II repairing ships and other defense work in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer and his brother Lloyd built and operated Sherrer's Restaurant in Durant, Oklahoma. The restaurant opened on May 6, 1948, and the two brothers operated the establishment until Lloyd died in 1965. After Lloyd's death, Leon bought his half of the business which is now co-owned by Leon and his son Danny. The restaurant is also known as Fideaux's. The restaurant is known for grinding their own coffee and making their own pies. It has the reputation for the best hamburgers, great chicken fried steak, and good salads; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer devoted 18 years to the State of Oklahoma, serving as Assistant Secretary of the Oklahoma School Land Commission, as Deputy Director and then Director of Training and Education for the Oklahoma Civil Defense Agency, now known as the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer also devoted time and effort to local government, serving two terms on the Durant City Council in the 1960s and is currently serving a second consecutive term during this century. As a city councilman Leon has also fulfilled the role of Mayor of Durant, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer has also served on the Oklahoma State Small Business Council and on the Board of the substate planning district Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA). Leon has been a Life Member and for the last 35 years a director of the Oklahoma Restaurant Association and has been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Durant, Oklahoma, since 1950. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Durant Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Leon Sherrer married Verta Bussell of Antlers, Oklahoma, in 1949. He has two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1769 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature provides that the business portion where State Highways 69 and 75 are one common merged highway in Bryan County from the intersection of Weldon Drive and State Highway 69 north to Alabama

Street in Durant, Oklahoma, shall be designated the "Leon Sherrer Highway".

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate acknowledges Leon Sherrer's numerous and outstanding contributions to his community and state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Leon Sherrer for his continued contributions as a successful businessman, public servant, participant in professional and local organizations, and as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Leon Sherrer.

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

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Presiding Officer of the Senate