

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 61

By: Anderson and Corn

A Resolution reaffirming the need for a national cemetery to serve northwest central Oklahoma; encouraging the building of a national cemetery; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Fort Gibson and Fort Sill National Cemeteries serve the eastern and southwestern portions of this state. Fort Gibson averages 550 interments per year and Fort Sill averages about 325. Neither site receives many veterans from the north side of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the northwest central portion of the State of Oklahoma hosts both Tinker Air Force Base and Vance Air Force Base and is the home of numerous veterans. At the present time, this major population center has no national cemetery to serve the veterans residing in the area; and

WHEREAS, the need for a national cemetery to serve the veteran population of northwest central Oklahoma exists. Such a national cemetery would benefit all concerned.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages building a national cemetery to serve the veteran population of northwest central Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate