

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 14

By: Bingman, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Branan,
Brogdon, Brown, Burrage,
Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain,
Crutchfield, Easley, Eason
McIntyre, Ellis, Ford,
Garrison, Gumm, 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 of the
Senate

and

McNiel of the House

15 A Concurrent Resolution praising volunteer
16 firefighters; mourning the loss of volunteer
17 firefighter John Adams; and directing distribution.

18 WHEREAS, on Friday, February 20, 2009, grass fires burned out of
19 control a few miles west of the Highway 51-Highway 48 Intersection
20 near Mannford, Oklahoma. The grass fire eventually covered 600
21 acres. The 12-member Silver City Fire Department and other area
22 fire departments spent the next twelve hours battling the blaze. A
23 total of nine fire departments, 23 brush trucks, three tankers, two
24 pumpers, a Blackhawk helicopter, and 60 firefighters were necessary

1 to contain the conflagration. A number of outbuildings were
2 destroyed and some homes sustained minor damage; and

3 WHEREAS, John Adams, his wife Marcie Adams, and son Drew Canady,
4 all aggressively trained to become fully qualified for wildland
5 firefighting, structural firefighting, vehicle firefighting, rescue
6 and extraction, and medical response. They are members of a unique
7 fraternity of men and women who risk their lives daily for the sake
8 of others. They put their lives on the line. They do not do this
9 for compensation. They do it for the community. That is what kind
10 of people they are; and

11 WHEREAS, John Adams, a 45-year-old volunteer firefighter, died
12 on duty, after fighting a 12-hour wildfire west of Mannford,
13 Oklahoma. A Silver City Volunteer Firefighter for the past three
14 years and a board member of the fire department, John Adams laid
15 down his life for those he loved and those he did not know; and

16 WHEREAS, John Adams was a brother in arms with his fellow
17 firefighters. He was a visionary board member, a loving father and
18 husband. He was expected to become an officer in his department in
19 the near future. John Adams leaves behind a wife, Marcie, and five
20 children, Nicole Canady, Drew Canady, Douglas Adams, James Adams and
21 Cheyanne Adams. Marcie and Drew continue to volunteer to fight
22 fires and have already responded since John's death; and

23 WHEREAS, John Adams was a 1981 graduate of Sand Springs High
24 School and was a manager at Lowe's. He enjoyed camping and fishing.

1 Adams had served as a Silver City Volunteer Firefighter for more
2 than three years and was a member of their board since 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, approximately 200 Oklahoma firefighters from 27 fire
4 departments attended the funeral ceremony. Forty-five fire trucks
5 and command cars were included in the two-mile-long procession to
6 the Oakhill Cemetery.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
8 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the work of all
11 Oklahoma volunteer firefighters, recognizing that their hard work
12 and bravery are often overlooked and not adequately appreciated by
13 those whom they protect.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature mourns the loss of Silver
15 City Volunteer Firefighter John Adams and joins with the residents
16 of the Silver City community and the firefighting community in
17 extending its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of
18 John Adams.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to John Adams'
20 wife, Marcie Adams, an EMT for Mannford and also a Silver City
21 Volunteer Firefighter; his son Drew Canady, also a volunteer
22 firefighter; his brother-in-law Brett Whitten, a Mannford
23 firefighter; and his other children, Nicole Canady, Douglas Adams,
24 James Adams and Cheyanne Adams.

