

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 3

By: Corn of the Senate

and

5 Brannon of the House
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8 A Concurrent Resolution honoring Bobby Taylor's
9 military career and service to veterans; mourning his
10 loss; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Bobby LaFaye Taylor was born April 14, 1945. A
13 longtime resident of the Panama/Poteau, Oklahoma, area, Bobby served
14 in the United States Army from July 30, 1965, to July 29, 1971; and

15 WHEREAS, Bobby Taylor served in Vietnam for two tours for a
16 total of one year, ten months, and 29 days. While serving in
17 Vietnam, Bobby was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam
18 Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and three Bronze Stars.
19 Bobby also received the Good Conduct Medal twice and was awarded the
20 Expert Rifle Medal. On one of his tours in Vietnam, Bobby served as
21 a scout/sniper; and

22 WHEREAS, Bobby Taylor joined the Viet Nam Veterans Motorcycle
23 Club in March 1990. Bobby was very active in this club and spent a
24 great deal of his personal time and funds in assisting veterans of

1 all wars with regard to their problems, including assisting them
2 with Veterans Administration (VA) claims. At the time of his death,
3 Bobby was still an active member of Chapter "G" of the Viet Nam
4 Veterans Motorcycle Club and Sergeant at Arms for the State of
5 Oklahoma Viet Nam Veterans Motorcycle Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Bobby Taylor also served as Commander of the Veterans
7 of Foreign Wars, Sarge Taylor Post 10619 in Panama, Oklahoma. Bobby
8 was always available at local schools on Veterans Day to talk to
9 student bodies and children concerning his opportunity to serve his
10 country and his pride in other veterans who served and sacrificed
11 for their country. Bobby's patriotism was always exhibited foremost
12 at all times; and

13 WHEREAS, Bobby Taylor was instrumental in the construction and
14 dedication of the POW/MIA Memorial at Lake Wister in LeFlore County,
15 Oklahoma, which was dedicated in April 2006. This memorial has a
16 large POW/MIA emblem and a POW/MIA flag which flies 24 hours a day
17 throughout the year. It is maintained by Chapter "G" of the Viet
18 Nam Veterans Motorcycle Club, State of Oklahoma. It was Bobby
19 Taylor's vision, and it was through him that the POW/MIA Memorial
20 was constructed; and

21 WHEREAS, Bobby Taylor died on November 13, 2006. Bobby was much
22 loved by all of his brothers in the Viet Nam Veterans Motorcycle
23 Club throughout Oklahoma and the remainder of this country. At his
24 funeral, hundreds of veterans on motorcycles were present. There

1 were mourners from both the Atlantic and Pacific Coast states, as
2 veterans came from South Carolina and California.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
4 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors Bobby Taylor's
7 military career and service to veterans.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature joins veterans from
9 throughout the state and nation in mourning the loss of Bobby
10 Taylor.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bobby Taylor's
12 daughter, Shannon LaFaye Taylor; Hal W. Davis; the Commander of the
13 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sarge Taylor Post 10619 in Panama,
14 Oklahoma; and Chapter "G" of the Viet Nam Veterans Motorcycle Club.

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