

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 53

By: Newberry and Stanislawski
of the Senate

5 and

6 Sullivan and Wright (John)
7 of the House

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution mourning the loss of Pastor
11 Billy Joe Daugherty; commending his accomplishments;
and directing distribution.

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14 WHEREAS, Billy Joe Daugherty was born April 23, 1952. He
15 attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduating with
16 a bachelors degree in Christian Education and later a Doctor of
17 Theology. In the 1970s he served as Youth Minister at Sheridan
18 Christian Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, becoming its Senior Pastor in
19 1976; and

20 WHEREAS, by 1980 attendance had grown from 400 to 2,000 and with
21 the blessing of the board, the Reverend Daugherty founded what is
22 now Victory Christian Center, which currently has over 17,000
23 members; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2005, Reverend Daugherty was assaulted during an
2 altar call, which produced a black eye and cut that required several
3 stitches. Reverend Daugherty visited his assailant, forgave the
4 man, and authored a book about the incident: "Knocked Down But Not
5 Out"; and

6 WHEREAS, besides founding Victory Christian Center, Reverend
7 Daugherty founded Victory Christian School, serving over 1700
8 students; The Tulsa Dream Center; and the Victory Bible Institute
9 which has more than 900 campuses in 93 countries; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Daugherty's television program, "Victory in
11 Jesus", reached more than 100 million households in North America,
12 with satellite and Internet distribution worldwide. Along with his
13 wife and co-pastor Sharon Daugherty, he has authored more than a
14 dozen inspirational books; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Daugherty was one of America's best-known and
16 most charismatic pastors. He preached that "God loves you, sin
17 separates you from God, Jesus died for your sins, you can be saved
18 by confessing Jesus is Lord"; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Daugherty was hospitalized in October 2009
20 with a viral infection in his throat. The Reverend Billy Joe
21 Daugherty at the age of 57 "graduated into heaven" on Sunday,
22 November 22, 2009. A memorial service attended by thousands was
23 held November 30, 2009.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
2 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature celebrates the life and
5 legacy of Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty, a dedicated family man, a
6 gifted leader, a tireless spokesman for the gospel, a great
7 Oklahoman, and a great man of God.

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the late Pastor
9 Billy Joe Daugherty, a man whose efforts bettered the lives of
10 people all over the world, for his extraordinary legacy of ministry
11 and service not just in Tulsa but far beyond the borders of
12 Oklahoma.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Reverend Billy
14 Joe Daugherty's wife, Sharon Daugherty; daughters, Ruthie Sanders
15 and Sarah Wehrli; sons, Paul and John Daugherty; and mother, Iru
16 Daugherty.

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