

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 58

By: Coffee of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the contributions
10 of T. Boone Pickens; thanking him for his generosity;
11 welcoming him to the state capitol and designating
12 May 14, 2010, "T. Boone Pickens Appreciation Day" in
13 the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

14 WHEREAS, T. Boone Pickens likes to say he grew up, "Where the
15 pavement ends, the West begins, and the Rock Island crosses the
16 Frisco". The colorful, no-nonsense Pickens is fiercely proud of the
17 Holdenville, Oklahoma, roots that shaped him. Pickens was a child
18 of the Depression and through the example of his grandmother and
19 parents learned lessons of frugality and the privilege of working;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, his advocacy of domestic energy independence is having
22 a pervasive impact on the American landscape and Oklahoma's oil and
23 natural gas interests. His sizable investments in educational,
24 cultural, historical, and health and welfare causes represent his
steadfast faith in the future of the state and this nation; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout his professional life, Pickens has been a
2 generous philanthropist, giving away nearly a billion dollars.
3 Oklahoma organizations have captured more than half of that
4 philanthropy. Pickens has dedicated more than \$500 million to
5 Oklahoma State University (OSU), divided nearly equally between
6 academics and athletics; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahoma State University named him the Distinguished
8 Fellow of the College of Arts and Sciences, and awarded him the
9 Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished
10 Alumni Award and the Distinguished Fellow Award.

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

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the many
15 contributions T. Boone Pickens has made to the State of Oklahoma.

16 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature thanks T. Boone Pickens for
17 his generosity towards his native State of Oklahoma.

18 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature welcomes T. Boone Pickens to
19 the Oklahoma State Capitol and designates May 14, 2010, "T. Boone
20 Pickens Appreciation Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to T. Boone
22 Pickens.

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