

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 32

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution reaffirming the honors bestowed on Ed
8 Vandergriff; mourning his passing; and directing
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Charles Edgar "Ed" Vandergriff II was born September 7,
12 1910, in Abilene, Texas, one of nine children. While a teacher at
13 Frogville in Choctaw County, he applied for a position in the newly
14 created Oklahoma Highway Patrol and attended the first state trooper
15 class in 1937; and

16 WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff served in the United States Army Air
17 Corps during Word War II. Ed returned to the Oklahoma Highway
18 Patrol, retiring in 1960; and

19 WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff served as sheriff of Choctaw County for
20 two years after his retirement. He then retired to a farm in Hugo,
21 Oklahoma; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2000 the Oklahoma State Legislature honored Ed
23 Vandergriff as the oldest living retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol
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1 trooper in the state by passing Senate Concurrent Resolution 68 by
2 Senator Jeff Rabon; and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature reaffirmed Ed's status in 2008 with the
4 passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 86, also authored by Senator
5 Rabon. Ed visited the state capitol for the occasion, gave
6 interviews, and addressing the Oklahoma State Senate declared: "You
7 have a job to do and you're doing it. We appreciate you"; and

8 WHEREAS, Ed Vandergriff died Monday, March 30, 2009, at the age
9 of 98 years in Hugo, Oklahoma.

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

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the public service of Ed
13 Vandergriff and reaffirms the honors bestowed upon him by SCR 68 in
14 2000 and SCR 86 in 2008.

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the passing of the man who
16 was the oldest retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper and offers
17 its most sincere condolences to his friends and family.

18 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ed
19 Vandergriff's son, Eddie Vandergriff; daughter Jan Smeigh; and to
20 the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

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