

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 34

By: Sykes

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution honoring the public service career of
8 Senator Kenneth Landis; mourning his loss; and
9 directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Kenneth Keith Landis Sr. was born April 16, 1925, in
12 Walters, Oklahoma, the son of Harve and Oma Lois (Petty) Landis.
13 Kenneth Landis was destined to serve both his state and nation in
14 uniform for most of his professional life; and

15 WHEREAS, Kenneth Landis served in the United States Navy Air
16 Corps during World War II. He then served for twenty years in the
17 Oklahoma Highway Patrol as a trooper from 1950 to 1970. Ken also
18 served as the Sheriff of Stephens County from 1974 through 1978.
19 During that period he was a member of the Oklahoma Sheriffs
20 Association and the National Sheriffs Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Kenneth Landis served in the Oklahoma State
22 Senate from 1979 to 1986. He was honored as one of the outstanding
23 freshmen members of the Oklahoma Legislature by "Hardhat Magazine".
24 State Senator Kenneth Landis focused on aiding county government,

1 holding down utility rates, and combating illegal drugs. He was
2 selected Majority Whip in January 1983; and

3 WHEREAS, Kenneth Keith Landis died Thursday, January 29, 2009,
4 at 83 years of age.

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the late Senator Kenneth
8 Landis and his outstanding career of public service, both in uniform
9 while protecting the country and enforcing the law, and as a state
10 lawmaker.

11 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins the family and friends of
12 Senator Kenneth Landis in mourning his loss and extends its most
13 sincere condolences.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the daughter of
15 Kenneth Landis, DeEtta Faye Ward; his granddaughter, Hilarie Morgan
16 Ward; and son, Kenneth Landis, Jr., and the Stephens County
17 Historical Museum.

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