

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 55

By: Bingman

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution praising the life and career of the late  
8 Senator John Young; mourning his loss; and directing  
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, John Wallace Young was born on November 25, 1923, in  
12 Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The son of Glen Olen Young and Thora Kate  
13 (Shiflet) Young. He received his undergraduate degree from Tulsa  
14 University in 1946 and his law degree from the University of  
15 Oklahoma in 1950, where he served as the President of the Student  
16 Senate; and

17 WHEREAS, John Young and his older brothers, Glenn and David,  
18 were the third generation of attorneys in his family. They joined  
19 their father in the firm of Young, Young, and Young. One of his  
20 sons and one of his grandsons also became attorneys. John Young  
21 practiced law for over 58 years. He was a member of the American  
22 Bar Association, Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association, Creek County  
23 Bar Association, and Tulsa County Bar Association; and  
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1       WHEREAS, John Young served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He  
2 was also a businessman, rancher, oil producer, and real estate  
3 developer. Senator Young was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate  
4 in 1964 and served until 1986; and

5       WHEREAS, Senator John Young's 22-year tenure in the Oklahoma  
6 State Senate was marked by his fervent support for reforming state  
7 government, especially the judicial and penal system, and protecting  
8 the state and teacher retirement systems; and

9       WHEREAS, John Young was active in the Sapulpa Chamber of  
10 Commerce, Lions, Round-Up Club, American Legion, Friends of the  
11 Library, and the Sapulpa Historical Society. He was a Patron for  
12 the School for the Handicapped; and

13       WHEREAS, John Young founded Freedom House, a ministry of Teen  
14 Challenge, for women with life-challenging problems. He crusaded to  
15 transform Creek County into a "drug free" area. He regularly  
16 visited inmates in the Creek County Justice Center twice a week.  
17 John and his wife Claudeen ministered together in churches and  
18 hospitals, sharing encouragement, helping those in need, praying for  
19 the sick, and showing compassion for others; and

20       WHEREAS, John W. Young, died on January 17, 2009, at the age of  
21 85 years. He passed away at home after a peaceful day spent with  
22 his family.

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

1        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of  
2 the late Oklahoma State Senator John W. Young.

3        THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with John Young's friends  
4 and family in mourning the loss of this crusading Oklahoman.

5        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to John Young's  
6 wife of 59 years, Claudeen, and sons John Mark, David Lee, and Brad.

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