

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE

4 RESOLUTION 67

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commemorating the fortieth anniversary
8 of the Apollo X Mission; congratulating those
involved; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, the world stood in awe as American astronauts were the
12 first to walk on the surface of the moon. It was part of the Apollo
13 program but certainly not an isolated part. The entire Apollo
14 program was a series of interconnected flights, each building on the
15 success of the previous effort to add to our knowledge of space
16 flight and the moon; and

17 WHEREAS, Apollo X was a dress rehearsal for the ultimate moon
18 landing, and although no one set foot on the lunar surface, the
19 landing on the moon would not have been possible without this
20 historic and heroic effort; and

21 WHEREAS, with a command module dubbed "Charlie Brown" and a
22 lunar module known as "Snoopy", the mission was anything but comic
23 as the lunar module began "wild gyrations", and Gene Cernan used
24 some language never found in the comic strips of the day. It was

1 Tom Stafford who in cliff-hanger fashion was able to take manual
2 control of the module and steady the craft; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the
4 Apollo X Mission during the third week in May 2009 with appropriate
5 ceremonies and recognition.

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

8 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commemorates the fortieth
9 anniversary of the Apollo X Mission, recognizing that the moon
10 landing would not have been possible without this historic dress
11 rehearsal by a veteran crew.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates and commends all
13 those involved with the American space program, including the
14 mission directors, flight directors, controllers, engineers and
15 others who contributed to the success of the entire Apollo program,
16 especially Apollo X.

17 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Apollo X
18 Mission Astronauts, Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford (Mission
19 Commander), Captain Eugene A. Cernan (Lunar Module Pilot), and
20 Captain John Young (Command Module Pilot); the Oklahoma History
21 Center; the Science Museum Oklahoma; and the Stafford Air and Space
22 Museum.

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