

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 92

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution praising the inspirational life of  
8 Charles Israel; mourning his loss; extending  
9 condolences; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Charles Israel attended Edmond Memorial High School and  
12 graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma. Charles joined  
13 the Oklahoma State Senate staff in January 1995 and managed the  
14 Governor's Executive Nominations process, ensuring that proper  
15 procedure was followed before nominations were heard by the Oklahoma  
16 State Senate. Charles was also the Senate's Web Administrator; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his technical expertise, Charles was  
18 well known for his sly sense of humor and as a perpetrator of  
19 practical jokes. Charles loved all sports - soccer, baseball,  
20 basketball and football (both American and European). He  
21 enthusiastically supported the University of Southern California  
22 (USC) and derived great pleasure provoking OU fans. He was an avid  
23 reader, a passionate bird-watcher, and enjoyed Elvis Costello and  
24 techno music; and

1       WHEREAS, Charles Israel served on the ABLE Tech Advisory Council  
2 for 14 years, and was a founding member of Oklahoma Assistive  
3 Technology Foundation (OkAT), working to improve the employment  
4 outcomes for people with disabilities; and

5       WHEREAS, Charles Israel battled Muscular Dystrophy most of his  
6 adult life. This genetic disorder gradually weakens the muscles  
7 that move the body, and Charles transitioned to crutches and  
8 eventually to a wheelchair. Senate staff, Senators and lobbyists  
9 held a silent auction to raise the funds necessary to purchase an  
10 assistance dog, Hobbes, to aid Charles and allow him to regain some  
11 independence.

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
13 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the courageous and  
15 inspirational life of Charles Israel.

16       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins with his family and friends  
17 in mourning his loss.

18       THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends heartfelt condolences to  
19 all who knew and loved him.

20       THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Charles  
21 Israel's Mother, Norma, and his two sisters, Jennifer and Sarah.

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