

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Reynolds, Russell, Adelson,
Aldridge, Allen, Anderson,
Ballenger, Barrington,
Bass, Bingman, Branan,
Brecheen, Brinkley, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Crain,
David, Eason McIntyre,
Ellis, Fields, Ford,
Garrison, Halligan, Holt,
Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson (Rob),
Jolley, Justice, Laster,
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,
Myers, Newberry, Nichols,
Paddack, Rice, Schulz,
Shortey, Simpson, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat,
Wilson and Wyrick of the
Senate

12 and

13 Ritze of the House

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16 A Concurrent Resolution commending the life of Frank
17 Woodruff Buckles; offering condolences; and directing
18 distribution.

19 WHEREAS, Frank Woodruff Buckles' life, in his own words, spanned
20 the awesome, horrible, fantastic, dreadful Twentieth Century; and

21 WHEREAS, Frank Buckles was born on a family farm in Harrison
22 County, Missouri, on February 1, 1901; and

23 WHEREAS, in 1916, Buckles moved with his family to Dewey County,
24 Oklahoma, near Oakwood; and

1 WHEREAS, on April 6, 1917, the United States entered the Great
2 War and Frank Buckles, at the age of sixteen, tried to enlist in the
3 Marines and the Navy and was turned down by both; and

4 WHEREAS, in August 1917, Buckles enlisted in the United States
5 Army in Oklahoma City and he chose to be an ambulance driver,
6 hearing that was the quickest path to service in France; and

7 WHEREAS, Buckles sailed for England on the HMS Carpathia and
8 served in various locations in France driving military vehicles and
9 ambulances; and

10 WHEREAS, after the war, Buckles returned to Oklahoma City and
11 after earning enough money took the train to Toronto, Canada, where
12 he went to work for the White Star Line Steamship Company; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1941, while on shipping business in Manila, Buckles
14 was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese and was imprisoned for
15 three and one-half years until being liberated by an American
16 airborne unit in February 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, Frank Buckles retired from steamship work in the mid-
18 1950s and ran a cattle ranch and farming operation and up until the
19 age of 106 was still driving a tractor; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2007, Frank Buckles was identified by the Department
21 of Veterans Affairs as the last living link to the two million men
22 who served in the American Expeditionary Forces in France in the
23 "war to end all wars"; and

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1 WHEREAS, Frank Buckles, the last World War I doughboy, died on
2 Sunday, February 27, 2011, at his home in Charles Town, West
3 Virginia. Mr. Buckles was 110 years old.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
5 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 CONCURRING THEREIN:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby commends the full
8 life and many accomplishments of this outstanding patriot and last
9 living World War I doughboy, the late Frank Woodruff Buckles.

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature offers it most sincere
11 condolences to the Buckles family.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Frank Buckles'
13 daughter, Susannah Flanagan.

14 Adopted by the Senate the 9th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2011.

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