

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 29

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Brinkley, Brown, Burrage,
Childers, Coates, Crain,
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Ellis, Fields, Ford,
Garrison, Halligan, Holt,
Ivester, Johnson
(Constance), Johnson (Rob),
Jolley, Justice, Laster,
Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei,
Newberry, Nichols, Paddack,
Russell, Shortey, Simpson,
Sparks, Stanislawski,
Sykes, Treat, Wilson and
Wyrick

A Resolution honoring the life and career of State
Senator David Myers; mourning his loss; and directing
distribution.

WHEREAS, David Myers was born on July 18, 1938, in Ponca City,
Oklahoma. He graduated from Ponca City High School, received his
bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University in 1961, completed 20
hours of graduate studies at Louisiana State University in 1964 and
received MBA training at the University of Virginia in 1977; and

WHEREAS, David worked as a chemical engineer and executive for
ConocoPhillips in Ponca City for 33 years before becoming an
independent consultant in the oil industry; and

WHEREAS, David was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate in 2002
to represent the citizens of Senate District 20. During his nine

years in the Oklahoma State Senate, David was a strong advocate for public safety, health and transportation issues. Being from one of the nation's top energy producing states, he led the charge for the increased use and production of alternative fuels. He also championed legislation to protect the health of Oklahomans by banning smoking in public places, protect students and the elderly from sexual predators and strengthen penalties against drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, David was appointed to serve as the Chair of Appropriations for the 2011 legislative session where he helped craft a balanced budget during one of the worst economic downturns since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, David was highly respected and admired by his colleagues. He was a man of great intellect, character and integrity. He was the standard by which any public servant should be measured: humble, selfless and dedicated beyond question. He was a man with great conviction and uncompromising values; and

WHEREAS, David was fondly referred to as "Coach" in the Senate after having served many years as coach and manager of the Senate "Redhots" baseball team, leading them to victory more often than not over the House of Representatives in the legislature's annual charity baseball game benefiting the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, David received numerous awards over the years for his work in the Oklahoma Legislature. In 2007, he was named Legislator of the Year by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau and was recognized by the Oklahoma School Board Association. In 2008, he received the True Grit Award from the American Cancer Society and then was given the President's Award by the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. In 2009, he was honored by the Oklahoma Board of Regents for Higher Education with their Distinguished Service Award, and in 2010, he was chosen by the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma to receive their Legislative Excellence in Rural Health Award; and

WHEREAS, David was an outstanding civic servant and community leader having served as a member of the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Governors as well as the Ponca City Westminster Village Board and the Ponca City Airport Booster Club. He also was an active member of the Ponca City First Baptist Church where he

served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He served on the United Way Board of Directors in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He also served as both Director and Club Secretary of the Ponca City Rotary and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was Chairman of the Ponca City Energy Board, the Chairman of the Annual Cherokee Strip Golf Classic and was President of Building Ponca; and

WHEREAS, David enjoyed flying planes, restoring antique cars, playing golf and working on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, David was married to his wife, Sara, for 51 years. They had two children, Craig and Sheryl, six grandchildren and one great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, David died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 11, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and civic service of Senator David Myers and hails his many contributions to the State of Oklahoma and to his local community.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins others in mourning the loss of this outstanding Oklahoma leader, Senator David Myers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator David Myers' wife, Sara, and his two children, Craig and Sheryl.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of February, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the Senate