Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 42

By: Sharp, Aldridge, Allen, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Boggs, Branan, Brecheen, Brinkley, Brooks, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Crain, Dahm, David, Ellis, Fields, Ford, Garrison, Griffin, Halligan, Holt, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Rob), Jolley, Justice, Loveless, Marlatt, Mazzei, McAffrey, Newberry, Paddack, Schulz, Shaw, Shortey, Shumate, Simpson, Sparks, Standridge, Stanislawski, Sykes, Treat and Wyrick

A Resolution recognizing the historic career of National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Famer, Bill Hudlow, and his beloved Appaloosa stallion, Navajo Britches; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Shawnee native Bill Hudlow has dedicated his life to raising, selling and showing horses – many of whom were the foals of one of the most famous Appaloosas in history, Navajo Britches; and

WHEREAS, Navajo Britches was an Appaloosa stallion that made the breed famous and opened a new industry in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Navajo Britches won numerous awards in the show ring, including the National Grand Champion title in 1958 and more than

100 First Place Halter titles. For more than 16 years, he also was National Show Horse and National Grand Champion Get of Sire; and

WHEREAS, Navajo Britches sired 367 registered Appaloosa foals and became a legend on the race track for being the leading sire of money earners from 1963-1968. At least 50 of his starters earned almost $90,000 combined. Sixteen became winners, seven earned stakes wins and eleven became stakes placers. Five foals earned champion titles on the racetrack, including his most-winning colt, Boogie Britches, who won the 1963 World Wide Futurity and the 1964 World Wide Derby; and

WHEREAS, named as one of two top race trainers in the country, Bill Hudlow was inducted into the National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1988. Navajo Britches, who passed away in 1978, was also inducted into the National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hudlow helped organize the Oklahoma Racing Association and served as a board member for several years. He also helped organize the Oklahoma Appaloosa Horse Club in 1959, as well as the Oklahoma Appaloosa Futurity in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hudlow is still among the best all-time ambassadors of the Appaloosa breed; and

WHEREAS, as part of its 100th anniversary in 2007, Shawnee started the Horse in the City project, placing life-sized, painted statues of horses around the city. In early 2013, a statue of Navajo Britches was unveiled as the 36th horse in the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the historic career of National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Famer, Bill Hudlow, and his beloved Appaloosa stallion, Navajo Britches.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bill Hudlow.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of April, 2014.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____