

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1024

By: Walker

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution honoring the life of Charles Banks
9 Wilson; mourning his passing; and directing
10 distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, Charles Banks Wilson was born in Springdale, Arkansas
13 on August 6, 1918; and

14 WHEREAS, when Wilson was eleven months old, his father returned
15 from World War I and moved his family to Miami, Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, Wilson graduated from high school in 1936 and then
17 enrolled in Art Institute in Chicago where he studied painting,
18 watercolor and lithography and later went to work as an illustrator;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, after seven years he returned to Miami and set up his
21 studio, which he called his "catbird seat to Oklahoma"; and

22 WHEREAS, Wilson was an outstanding painter, printmaker, teacher,
23 lecturer, historian, and illustrator, whose work was displayed in
24 more than 200 museums throughout the world; and

1 WHEREAS, his collections are shown in the Metropolitan Museum in
2 New York City, the Library of Congress, the Corcoran Gallery, the
3 Smithsonian, and the Oklahoma State Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, some of his works displayed at the Oklahoma State
5 Capitol include life-size portraits of Will Rogers, Sequoyah, Carl
6 Albert and Senator Robert Kerr; and

7 WHEREAS, Wilson also established the Art Department at the
8 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College; and

9 WHEREAS, he was the beneficiary of many recognitions during his
10 lifetime, including membership into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame,
11 being named as an Oklahoma Treasurer by the Oklahoma Arts Council,
12 and receiving the Oklahoma Governor's Art Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Wilson passed away in his sleep on May 2, 2013, at 94
14 years of age; and

15 WHEREAS, the loss of Charles Bank Wilson is felt not just by his
16 family and friends who loved him but also by the citizens of the
17 State of Oklahoma.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
21 express their profound sorrow on the death of Charles Banks Wilson
22 and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and
23 friends.

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THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the daughter of
Charles Banks Wilson, Carrie B. Wilson.

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