

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 31

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution honoring long-time Senate Sergeant-at-
8 Arms Bob Gilmore and his service to his state and
9 nation; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Bob Gilmore has served as a Sergeant-at-Arms for the
12 Oklahoma State Senate since 1994 serving at the pleasure of five
13 President Pro Tempores, including Bob Cullison, Stratton Taylor,
14 Mike Morgan, Glenn Coffee and Brian Bingman; and

15 WHEREAS, Bob was born in 1921 in Paterson, New Jersey to Jesse
16 and Peter Gilmore who were first generation U.S. citizens whose
17 parents immigrated from Scotland; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob was the first in his family to graduate from high
19 school before joining the U.S. Army in August 1942. He served in
20 the 5th Army, 3rd Infantry Division, 10th Engineer Battalion in
21 Company C. He served for nearly four years being stationed in North
22 Africa, Sicily and Italy sweeping mine fields. He received two
23 Battle Stars in Sicily, and reached the rank of Corporal before
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1 being honorably discharged from the military for a medical injury;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Bob met his wife of 52 years, Imogene Collins Gilmore,
4 at U.S. Army Northington General Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama
5 where he was sent for rehab for his injury and served his final time
6 at Northington as a physical reconditioning instructor; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob was also the first in his family to graduate from
8 college getting his degree in Physical Education in 1952 from the
9 University of Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating, he began a long, successful career in
11 the newspaper industry starting in the circulation department at the
12 Tuscaloosa News. Bob then became the business manager of the
13 Baytown Sun in Texas and then the owner and publisher of the Brenham
14 Banner Press in Texas. He then owned and published the Altus Times
15 in Oklahoma from 1970 to 1984, while also purchasing other
16 newspapers in Oklahoma and interests in newspapers in Colorado,
17 Texas, Missouri and Mississippi; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob was very active in the communities in which he
19 lived serving in leadership roles in many of these organizations.
20 While in Altus, he served as the President of the Chamber of
21 Commerce, the Chairman of the United Way, president of the Rotary
22 Club and as an Honorary 4-H member; and

23 WHEREAS, Bob also served his state as a member of the Oklahoma
24 Industrial Development Commission, the Oklahoma Commission on State

1 Government Reform and the Special Committee on Capital Improvements;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Bob is a Baptist Deacon and was invited to the National
4 Prayer Breakfast by three different Presidents including Carter in
5 1980, Reagan in 1983, and Bush in 1992; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob and his wife, Jean, a former Senate employee in the
7 Engrossing and Enrolling Division who passed away in 1998, have
8 three children, Robert Gilmore, Jr.; Carole Gilmore Atkinson; and
9 Jan Gilmore Loftis; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
11 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors long-time Senate Sergeant-
13 at-Arms Bob Gilmore and his service to his nation and state.

14 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senate
15 Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Gilmore.

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