

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 53

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution honoring the life and career of State
8 Senate President Pro Tempore Harold Garvin; mourning
9 his loss; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, Harold T. Garvin was born on February 10, 1920, in
12 Walters, Oklahoma. His family moved to Duncan in 1922. After
13 graduation from Duncan High School in 1937, Garvin earned a
14 Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1941 and then earned his
15 Law degree in 1943 at the University of Oklahoma; and

16 WHEREAS, upon graduating from law school, Garvin entered the
17 United States Army and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1942.
18 He served with Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in France and
19 fought in the Battle of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge,
20 the Battle of the Rhineland, and the Battle of Central Europe in
21 France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He earned
22 several citations for his heroism and later was returned to the U.S.
23 for artillery pilot training, eventually earning his wings as First
24 Lieutenant with an Army Aviator Rating; and

1 WHEREAS, after leaving the service, Garvin returned home and was
2 elected Stephens County Judge. After serving one term, he was
3 elected to the State House of Representatives, serving one term
4 there before being elected to the State Senate where he served
5 fourteen years. Garvin served as Senate President Pro Tempore for
6 the 27th Legislature in 1959 and 1960 and was Vice Chairman of the
7 National Conference of State Governments; and

8 WHEREAS, Harold Garvin later served on various governmental
9 committees with the goal of promoting more efficient and effective
10 state government, including the ad hoc Ethics Commission created by
11 Governor George Nigh. The present statutes on ethics in government
12 are the result of that study. He also served as a member of the
13 Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges for nine years and was
14 President of that body for two years and was appointed Chairman of
15 the Board by Governor Dewey Bartlett; and

16 WHEREAS, following his term as County Judge, Garvin began a law
17 practice in Duncan and was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association
18 for more than 70 years. He was an active member of All Saints'
19 Episcopal Church for most of its existence and was honored as its
20 longest-serving warden of the vestry. He was also active in
21 business and civic affairs in the community; and

22 WHEREAS, Harold T. Garvin died at his home in Duncan, Oklahoma,
23 on February 15, 2014. Garvin was preceded in death by his parents,
24 his wife, the former Miss Don Hutto, in 2003, as well as his son,

1 Harold T. Garvin Jr. in 2009. He is survived by his daughter,
2 Shelley Garvin Sigler, and her husband, James M. Sigler,
3 granddaughters and stepgranddaughters, and many other relatives,
4 friends and loved ones.

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

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and civic
8 service of Senator Harold T. Garvin and hails his many contributions
9 to the State of Oklahoma and to his local community.

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins others in mourning the loss
11 of this outstanding Oklahoma leader, Senator Harold T. Garvin.

12 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Harold
13 T. Garvin's daughter, Shelley Garvin Sigler.

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