STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 67 By: Sykes

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

WHEREAS, upon graduating from law school, Garvin entered the United States Army and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1942. He served with Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in France, and fought in the Battle of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle of the Rhineland, and the Battle of Central Europe in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He earned several citations for his heroism, and later was returned to the U.S. for artillery pilot training, eventually earning his wings as First Lieutenant, with an Army Aviator Rating; and

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

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

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

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

Harold T. Garvin Jr. in 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Shelley Garvin Sigler and husband James M. Sigler, granddaughters and step-granddaughters, and many other relatives, friends and loved ones.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and civic service of Senator Harold Garvin 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 Harold T. Garvin.

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

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