

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 79

By: Branan

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution celebrating the life and accomplishments
8 of Jeannette Sias; extending condolences and
9 appreciation to her family; and directing
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Jeannette Sias was a beloved civic leader,
12 philanthropist, education advocate and patron of the arts who passed
13 from this life on April 15, 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, Sias was born June 27, 1932, in Oklahoma City and
15 graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1954 with a Bachelor of
16 Arts degree in Speech Therapy, and earned a Master of Arts Degree in
17 Speech from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, in 1956; and

18 WHEREAS, Sias worked as a therapist with Oklahoma City Public
19 Schools, and served on the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma City
20 University, the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma City
21 Philharmonic, KCSC Radio, the Oklahoma Methodist Foundation and the
22 Arts Council of Oklahoma; and

23 WHEREAS, Sias and her husband, Richard "Dick" Sias, founded the
24 Ad Astra Foundation and Joullian Vineyards of Carmel, California,

1 using both to contribute to the advancement of art, culture and
2 humanitarian causes in Oklahoma City; and

3 WHEREAS, Sias was awarded numerous honors for service and
4 lifetime achievement, including the Marilyn Douglas Award from the
5 Oklahoma Arts Council, the Community Literacy Centers Award, the
6 Oklahoma City University Servant Leader Award, and was honored with
7 induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2009;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Sias was a tireless advocate for education, art,
10 charitable causes and countless initiatives to advance quality of
11 life in Oklahoma City.

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

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and service of
15 Jeannette Sias and hails her many contributions to the State of
16 Oklahoma and the city of Oklahoma City.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins others in mourning the loss
18 of this outstanding civic leader.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Jeannette Sias'
20 husband, Richard "Dick" Sias, her daughter Alice Sias Pippin, and
21 grandsons Richard, Phillip and John.

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