

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 60

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution honoring the life of Tulsa-based
8 QuikTrip co-founder, Chester Cadieux, II; recognizing
9 his many business and charitable contributions to
10 Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma; and directing
11 distribution.

12 WHEREAS, Chester Cadieux, II, was born on February 24, 1932, the
13 only child of Chester Edouard and Johnnie Cadieux. He graduated
14 from Tulsa Central High School in 1950 before going on to get his
15 marketing degree at the University of Oklahoma. After college, he
16 served in the Air Force rising to the prestigious rank of Captain;
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18 WHEREAS, in 1958, Cadieux and his friend, Brut Holmes, opened
19 the first QuikTrip in Tulsa. Together, they built the company into
20 a dominant regional brand that has consistently been ranked among
21 the best companies to work for in the nation. Fortune recently
22 named QuikTrip to its Best Places to Work list for the 14th straight
23 year; and
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1 WHEREAS, the company has grown to 700 stores in eleven states
2 across the Midwest; and

3 WHEREAS, Cadieux served as QuikTrip's president and CEO for 45
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a community servant, volunteering his time and
6 leadership for various organizations. He was a former board
7 chairman of the Tulsa Area United Way and headed up one of its
8 annual fundraising campaigns. He also served on and chaired the
9 boards of the Tulsa River Parks Authority and Phillips Theological
10 Seminary in Tulsa; and

11 WHEREAS, Cadieux was an original trustee of the Tulsa Community
12 Foundation and a past trustee of the University of Tulsa; and

13 WHEREAS, he received many honors over the years, including being
14 inducted into the Tulsa Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and
15 Tulsa University's Business Hall of Fame; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a longtime member and elder of Harvard Avenue
17 Christian Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Cadieux passed away on March 14, 2016, at his home; and

19 WHEREAS, this visionary businessman will be remembered for his
20 humility, volunteerism, his philanthropic giving and for impacting
21 the lives of so many Oklahoma families through the creation of jobs.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
23 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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1 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors the life of Tulsa-based
2 QuikTrip co-founder, Chester Cadieux, II.

3 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes his many business and
4 charitable contributions to Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma.

5 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his wife,
6 Debbie Cadieux and their six children, Cathey, Chris, Chet, Cary,
7 Cheri and Bryan.

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