

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 23

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Dugger, Floyd, Garvin,
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Rosino, Simpson,
Standridge, Stanley,
Stephens, Taylor, Thompson,
Weaver and Young

A Resolution honoring the life and career of former Senate President Pro Tempore Robert V. Cullison; mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Robert V. Cullison was born in Turley, Oklahoma, on December 22, 1936, to Georgia Lucille and O.G. "Cotton" Cullison. In 1963, he married Francie Cranford of Skiatook and they had two children: a daughter, Robin, and a son, Robert; and

WHEREAS, Bob never forgot his roots, and always considered himself to be a "Turley Boy." He attended Baylor University on a baseball scholarship as a proud member of the Baylor Bears, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He was a

patriot, serving his country in the United States Marine Corp Reserves, and as a businessman; and

WHEREAS, Bob Cullison was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1972, serving there until his election to the Senate District 34 seat in 1978. In 1988, he became President Pro Tempore of the Senate, serving for three terms before leaving the Legislature in 1994. Among his legislative accomplishments were passage of House Bill 1017, a landmark education funding and reform bill; the Quality Jobs Act, aimed at diversifying Oklahoma's economy; and authoring legislation for necessary statutory changes accompanying passage of the 1984 state question legalizing liquor-by-the-drink; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Legislature, Bob became a member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and later served as Governmental Affairs Director of the Oklahoma Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, Bob loved the give and take of the legislative process and loved the Senate. He was known for his intelligence, humor and tenacity and was respected and admired by members on both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Cullison passed from this life on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the age of 84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the life and service of Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Cullison and hails his contributions to this state.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins his family, friends and former constituents in mourning the loss of Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Cullison.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his daughter, Robin McMillian, and son, Robert Cullison.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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