

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 23

By: Treat

AS INTRODUCED

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

1 Legislature in 1994. Among his legislative accomplishments were  
2 passage of House Bill 1017, a landmark education funding and reform  
3 bill; the Quality Jobs Act, aimed at diversifying Oklahoma's  
4 economy; and authoring legislation for necessary statutory changes  
5 accompanying passage of the 1984 state question legalizing liquor-  
6 by-the-drink; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate joins his family, friends and  
22 former constituents in mourning the loss of Senate President Pro  
23 Tempore Bob Cullison.  
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1        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to his daughter,  
2 Robin McMillian, and son, Robert Cullison.

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