

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Blair, Roberts, Grego,
Hardin, Wilk, Johns and
Kelley of the House

and

Standridge of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the official name of the planned turnpike to be constructed from Interstate 44 East to Interstate 35 continuing East and North to Interstate 40 as part of the ACCESS Oklahoma Long-Range Plan; commemorating the life and legacy of Toby Keith; directing distribution.

WHEREAS, as part of the ACCESS Oklahoma Long-Range Plan, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is advancing the planned turnpike corridor extending from Interstate 44 East to Interstate 35 near Indian Hills Road and continuing East and North to Interstate 40 at Interstate 335/Kickapoo Turnpike to provide an additional safe high-speed connection between these major interstate routes to complete a much needed loop around the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the significance of this route for transportation safety, regional connectivity, and intrastate commerce and growth and finds it appropriate to designate an official name for the turnpike to memorialize its importance; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith was born July 8, 1961, in Clinton, Oklahoma, raised in Moore, Oklahoma, and resided in Norman, Oklahoma, and rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most successful and recognizable country music artists in American history; and

WHEREAS, throughout his extraordinary career, Toby Keith released numerous chart-topping hits including "Should've Been a Cowboy", "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)",

and "American Soldier", earning him widespread acclaim and a devoted fan base; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith sold more than forty million albums worldwide, produced over twenty number 1 singles, and received countless awards and honors for his musical achievements; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in recognition of his lasting impact on country music; and

WHEREAS, beyond his musical accomplishments, Toby Keith was a proud and vocal patriot who dedicated significant time and resources to supporting members of the United States Armed Forces with no financial benefit to himself, performing more than 300 shows on multiple USO tours in combat zones and uplifting American service members stationed overseas; and

WHEREAS, Toby Keith passed away on February 5, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer, leaving behind a legacy of music, patriotism, generosity, and Oklahoma pride that will endure for generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate recognize Toby Keith as an Oklahoma legend.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate find it appropriate that a planned turnpike corridor extending from Interstate 44 East to Interstate 35 near Indian Hills Road and continuing East and North to Interstate 40 at Interstate 335/Kickapoo Turnpike be designated the "Toby Keith Expressway" in his honor.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Governor, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, and the family of Toby Keith.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of
February, 2026.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of February, 2026.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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