

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1019

By: Blair of the House

and

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

5 WHEREAS, throughout his extraordinary career, Toby Keith
6 released numerous chart-topping hits including "Should've Been a
7 Cowboy," "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American),"
8 and "American Soldier," earning him widespread acclaim and a devoted
9 fan base; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
7 State Senate find it appropriate that a planned turnpike corridor
8 extending from Interstate 44 East to Interstate 35 near Indian Hills
9 Road and continuing East and North to Interstate 40 at Interstate
10 335/Kickapoo Turnpike be designated the "Toby Keith Expressway" in
11 his honor.

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

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