

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1019

By: Blair of the House

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

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

23                   WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the significance of this  
24                   route for transportation safety, regional connectivity, and

1 intrastate commerce and growth and finds it appropriate to designate  
2 an official name for the turnpike to memorialize its importance; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Toby Keith passed away on February 5, 2024, after a  
24 courageous battle with cancer, leaving behind a legacy of music,

1 patriotism, generosity, and Oklahoma pride that will endure for  
2 generations.

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

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

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
9 State Senate find it appropriate that a planned turnpike corridor  
10 extending from Interstate 44 East to Interstate 35 near Indian Hills  
11 Road and continuing East and North to Interstate 40 at Interstate  
12 335/Kickapoo Turnpike be designated the "Toby Keith Expressway" in  
13 his honor.

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

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