Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 49

By: Corn, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Ballenger, Barrington, Bass, Bingman, Branan, Brogdon, Brown, Burrage, Coates, Coffee, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Ellis, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Halligan, Ivester, Johnson (Constance), Johnson (Mike), Jolley, Justice, Lamb, Laster, Leftwich, Lerblance, Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers, Newberry, Nichols, Paddack, Reynolds, Rice, Russell, Schulz, Sparks, Stanislawski, Sweeden, Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick of the Senate

and

Brannon, Armes, Auffet, Bailey, Banz, Benge, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Buck, Cannaday, Carey, Christian, Collins, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Duncan, Enns, Faught, Fields, Glenn, Hamilton, Harrison, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kiesel, Kirby, Kouplen, Lamons, Liebmann, Luttrell, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McAffrey, McCullough, McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Miller, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Murphey, Nations, Nelson, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton,

Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Smithson, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wright (Harold) and Wright (John)of the House

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the many contributions of educator Joe Paul Hemphill; mourning his loss; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill was born in Monroe, Oklahoma, September 6, 1926, to Joseph Braxton and Bertha (Cagle) Hemphill. In 1942 at the age of 15 years, he tried to join the U.S. Navy. On August 22, 1944, at the age of 17 years and with his father's permission, he succeeded; Joe Paul served in the Navy until he was discharged in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill graduated from Monroe School in Monroe, Oklahoma, and from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He received the Alumni Award from Monroe School in 2002 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Southeastern in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill served on the Board of Directors of the Kiamichi Economic Development District of Oklahoma (KEDDO) for ten years and for 19 years on the Board of Directors of KI BOIS Community Action Foundation. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Poteau; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill taught at Monroe School then served as Principal of Howe High School from 1990 until 1994. The 1993-1994 Howe yearbook was dedicated to him. Joe Paul was Superintendent at Monroe and Howe Schools. He also served as a member of the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) for 20 years and on the Higher Education Alumni Council for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill was a 32nd Degree Mason with the McAlester Consistory and a Master Mason as a member of the Howe Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill was a member of the Poteau Chamber of Commerce for 37 years where he served on the Board of Directors and as Board President. For two years he was Executive Director of the Chamber. In 1983 Joe Paul received the Poteau Chamber of Commerce President's Award. He was named 1984 Poteau Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill taught at Carl Albert State College. He was also their first Dean, Athletic Director, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He retired in 1988, having served the school for 20 years. After being renovated, the first building on campus was named Hemphill Hall. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Carl Albert State College in 2000. He also received the Carl Albert State College Development Foundation Board of Trustees Award. Joe Paul Hemphill was appointed to a nine-year term on the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill was a member of the Poteau Rotary Club for 20 years. Joe Paul served on their Board of Directors and also as President. In 1987 he received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Foundation in recognition of his exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill served his community for 22 years as Poteau City Councilman. Joe Paul served as a Board Member of Poteau Summer Youth Program for ten years and managed the Poteau Summer Youth Program for two years. In 2003 he received the Poteau Daily News Lifetime Contribution Award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill chaired the LeFlore County Democratic Party from 1965 until 1967. Joe Paul also served as campaign chair in LeFlore County for Governors Raymond Gary, David Hall, and David Walters. In April 1996 he had his picture taken with First Lady Hillary Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill served for 20 years as chair of the LeFlore County Heart Fund Drive and the Poteau Community Chest. Joe Paul was a member of the LeFlore County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill was an enthusiastic basketball player, coach, and fan. Joe Paul was inducted into the Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Joe Paul Hemphill died Monday, December 21, 2009, at the age of 83. Services were held on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at the Bob Lee Kidd Civic Center in Poteau, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the many outstanding contributions of Joe Paul Hemphill, a longtime educator who helped instill a love of learning in the lives of countless young people and probably affected the lives of more students than any other educator in our state's history.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature mourns the loss of Joe Paul Hemphill, uniquely Oklahoman, a man large in stature with even a bigger heart, who truly embodied the values and spirit of this great state.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Joe Paul Hemphill's wife, Wilma; daughter Suanna Rust; and sons Joe, Rodney, and Roger Hemphill.

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of April, 2010.

A Bryan Mahott

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 2010.

Jeffrey W. Hickman

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 27th **day of** May, 2010,

at 4:44 **o'clock** P. **M.**

By: M. Susan Savage